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PROCEEDINGS.

COMMON'S HALL, CAPITOL,
RALEIGH, N. C., August 8th, 1876.

The Grand Lodge convened at 10½ o'clock, A. M., pursuant to the Constitution.

It was called to order by the G. W. C. T., who introduced to the members His Excellency, Gov. Brogden.

Gov. Brogden, in an eloquent address, welcomed the Grand Lodge to the Capitol.

The G. W. C. T. then introduced Brother, the Rev. W. C. Norman, who, on behalf of Hickman Lodge, warmly welcomed the Grand Lodge to the hearts and homes of the Good Templars and citizens of Raleigh in a few chosen words. He sketched the history of the Order in the State and urged the members to progressions.

The Rev. W. C. Bowman, of Bakersville, responded, and in glowing terms thanked the previous speakers.

Visitors having retired, the Grand Lodge was formally opened by the G. W. C. T.

The following officers were present:

G. W. C. T., ... N. B. BROUGHTON,
G. W. C., ... DR. S. D. BOOTH,
G. W. V. T., ... MRS. ELIZ. OAKSMITH,
G. W. Sec., ... SAMUEL J. FALL,
G. W. Treas., ... V. BALLARD,
G. W. M., ... REV. W. C. BOWMAN,
G. Guard., ... W. J. STANLY,
G. Sentinel, ... J. F. LITTLE,
G. Mess., ... J. R. TILLERY.

The following were appointed *pro tem.:*

G. W. Chap., ... Rev. W. B. Harrell,
G. W. Dep. Marshal,..... Miss Blanche Fentress.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Credentials—Samuel J. Fall, *ex-officio*, Stephen Starr, E. C. Cuthbert, J. A. Waller.

On Finance—Dr. J. W. Booth. P. W. Wheeler, J. F. Little J. W. Lawrence, W. S. Moore.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives entitled to seats:

Thos. Hampson, R. W. Belo, Mathew Moore, C. H. Harper, P. W. Wheeler, F. S. Forlaw, J. B. Morris, W. T. Ireland, W. S. Moore, J. A. Robinson, J. G. Smith, S. C. Overby, J. L. Lawrence, J. E. Ray, E. C. Cuthbert, J. C. Green, Glorenna Smith, S. M. Warren, Jr., J. K. Wheeler, J. N. Gammon, T. D. Waller, W. S. Parker, W. T. Sturdivant, R. A. Grier, Hattie P. Russell, H G Sawyer, J. R. Tillery, Jno. D. Birch, F. N. Keith, Ida Barringer, R. H. Towles, W. H. Ellis, A. J. Roberts, J. F. Little, D. F. Wemyss, J. H. Meadows, Jas. Gibbons, W. P. Craven, Miss N. E. Thompson, R. B. Hearne, L. H. King, Thos. D. Webb, Eliz. Oaksmith, C. E. Myrick, J. A. Roberts, J. R. Hill, W. L. Pike, J. W. Lassiter, W. C. Bowman, W. J. Lawrence, W. M. Flow, W. G. Clements, A. W. Edwards, J. C. Simpson, J. W. Hodges, W. C. Strickland, J. McKeown, W. J. Stanley, T. M. Dunn, Gaston Broughton, A. L. Ferrell, Miss Ida H. Bledsoe, N. G. Gulley, B. H. Hearne, E. L. Becton, J. Andrews, J. H. Weeks, H. C. Williams. M. E. Britt, A. McJones, L. H. Baugh, T. A. Jordan, E. S. Wallace, J. T. Peele, P. H. Gower, N. H. McCullers, P. J. Hicks, Z. W. Lyon and J. E. Timberlake.

On motion Past Rep., J. G. Smith, of Ramsay Lodge, No. 116, was admitted to represent this Lodge, in the absence of the elected representative.

Also Bro. A. R. Buffaloe, of Happy Home Lodge, No. 278, no delegate having been elected.

The Committee further reported the following visitors entitled to the G. L. Degree:

Mrs. G. W. Wynne, Mrs. E. C. Beckwith, Z. T. Broughton, Miss Arabella Holt, G. J. Starr, C. D. A. Prempert, H. Hackney, Mrs. B. F. Briggs, J. K. Gibson, Sallie W. Russell, Virginia S. Booth, A. R. Slaughter, Dr. J. H. Jenkins, J. S. Mitchell, J. F. Cross, Nora Griffis, J. A. Griffis, F. A. Hatch, W. J. Ferrell, S. M. Boykin, Mrs. C. A. Buffaloe, C. E. Gower, Yancy Smith and J. N. Hubbard.

On motion the report was adopted.

The brethren and sisters being introduced by the G. W. Marshal and his Deputy, were duly admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was then opened in the Subordinate Degree.

The G. W. C. T. appointed the Representatives from the city Lodges a Committee on Public Exercises.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge meet each day at 9 A. M., spend half an hour in Religious Exercises before proceeding to regular business. Adjourn at 1 P. M. Meet again at 3 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure. Meet for evening session at 8 P. M., and adjourn at will.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 3 P. M. by the G. W. C. T.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following were appointed a Committee

On Distribution—W. C. Bowman, J. R. Hill, F. N. Keith, W. C. Craven, J. C. Ellington.

On Memorials and Appeals—W J. Stanley, S. M. Warren, A. L. Ferrell, Miss Ida Barringer, A. J. Roberts.

The Committee on Public Exercises reported the following programme for Wednesday night, August 9th:

Public meeting to be held in Metropolitan Hall. Exercises to commence at 8 o'clock, P. M. To open with prayer by Rev. W. B. Harrell. Introductory by Bro. N. B. Broughton.

Speeches by Brethren W. J. Stanley, W. C. Bowman and P. W. Wheeler.

The Music Committees from Hickman and Bethel Lodges will discourse music for the occasion.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. J. Stanly, was adopted:

I. That the thanks of this G. Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Gov. Brogden, for the eloquent address delivered this morning, in tendering to the Order the State Capitol, for its use during the session.

II. That a Committee of three be appointed to procure a copy from the Governor for publication, and that the same be inserted in the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and in the Spirit of the Age.

The following were appointed as said Committee: W. J. Stanly, P. H. Gower, J. B. Morris.

The G. W. C. T. then read his report as follows:

Report of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge I. O. G T., of North Carolina:

Brothers and Sisters:—I rejoice that it is my happy privilege in this the Centennial year of our country's history, to greet you in your Fifth Annual Session. From every section of the State you have come together as the voice of your several Lodges, to legislate not only for their benefit, but for the State at large. Upon your action depends in large measure our future, and I therefore pray you to enter upon your trusts with earnest zeal, subserving all personal considerations upon the altar of the Order's good. It is a source of gratification that, by the kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are met to talk over battles fought and victories won, and not irretrievable reverses and defeats. Two years ago when I was called to the exalted position which I now fill, it was with fear and doubting. The

Order was new, and comparatively untried. We had no District or County Deputies, nor had there been held any District or County Conventions. Since that time the organization of these have been established and we are now rapidly approaching their full development. All through these two years we have labored to systematize the work, to cultivate the fields already occupied, as well as to extend the area of our usefulness.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

At my request the Grand Worthy Secretary has prepared, after much labor, a condensed report of the State of the Order in each County and District, so that you may see at a glance the work that has been done, and something of what there is to do. Notwithstanding the fact that several of our Lodges have surrendered their charters during the year, yet, when we remember the general stagnation of business, and with it the depression that all moral enterprises feel, we still have advanced in numerical as well as in influential strength. In the organization of new Lodges the work has not been left so much to the Lecturer as formerly, but has been heartily entered into by our District and County Deputies.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

In my report at your last session it was recommended that the State be re-districted, for the purpose of making it possible for each Lodge to be represented in its District Convention. For some cause the suggestion was not adopted. Still feeling the absolute necessity of such a change, at the first meeting of the Executive Committee it was made; upon which basis we have been working during the past year. Conventions have been held in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Districts, and with, perhaps one exception, all of them have been enthusiastic and profitable meetings. As the result of these Conventions, it will be seen from the Secretary's report that the order in these Districts is most prosperous. The benefits to be derived from District Conventions lead us to conclude that any action of this Grand Lodge looking to their further development is of first importance. Once get your districts thoroughly organized with active Deputies, and the work of instituting and building up Lodges will be an easy matter. I submit for your consideration the recommendation of the Third District Convention at its last session—that the Grand Worthy Secretary furnish to each Lodge Deputy a blank for a report of the condition of his Lodge to the District Deputy.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

These bodies have been very important auxiliaries to the District Con-

ventions, and the work of our Order generally. But few Counties, comparatively have enjoyed their benefits, but it only needs an examination into the condition of the Lodges in those Counties to reveal the power and need of such Conventions. As with the District, so with the County Conventions, they need attention from this Grand Lodge, and I therefore recommend that some plan for their guidance be adopted at this session. And that whenever there shall be five or more Lodges in any one County that the G. W. C. T. appoint a Deputy *pro tem* for such County, whose duty it shall be at once to call a Convention of said Lodges. But at their first session they shall have power to choose their own officers. The County Deputy, however, to be commissioned by the G. W. C. T. upon their recommendation.

LODGE DEPUTIES.

This office is seldom properly appreciated by the Lodges electing them or the persons accepting the position. It is not understood that he is the perpetual representative of the G. W. C. T. in his absence, and as such, obligated to see that the laws, rules and usages of the Order are properly and strictly carried out. We do not mean that he is to interfere with the W. C. T. or the Lodge in the government of the same so long as no wrong is done, but that he shall not permit infringement, or evasion, or as has been done a total disregard of our laws. Nor should he allow anything but a correct rendering of the signs, salutations, &c. It is to be hoped that all our Lodges in the future will exercise great care in the choice of their Deputy, and that said officer will faithfully discharge his trusts.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

This trouble has found its way into every jurisdiction in the land. Especially so during the stringent times through which our country has been passing for the last two years, and the report of your Secretary will show you what sad havoc it is making in our ranks. The reports of the Lodge Deputies made to me at the end of each quarter exhibit the fact that every Lodge has placed its dues at the lowest figures possible, in some instances just enough to pay Grand Lodge tax, and yet the evil has not been cured. It is a sad commentary upon the earnestness of a member that can pay high rates in other Orders, spend money for useless so-called luxuries and yet fail to pay the small sum asked by his Good Templar Lodge. We are not alone in our trouble on this score; it is found in every Church and every Lodge of whatever name in the land. But can we not suggest some way of, at least, checking it? Let the Lodges be careful in selecting their Financial Secretary, and let him be prompt in sending out bills and collecting up the dues.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

By reason of the change in the time of holding our annual session, we are this year deprived of the receipts of one quarter and one-half of the Lecture tax, as well as the returns of all Lodges organized since the 1st of February. Hence we are not able to present seemingly so favorable a condition as formerly. But it is estimated that the receipts of the quarter now due, will amply cover all our liabilities. We have reason, therefore, for congratulation and encouragement, but need to be careful in our legislation for the future. After careful examination into the rate charged by other jurisdictions, and the experience of two years as your chief executive, I am thoroughly convinced that no reduction should be made in the per capita tax. But if the Lecture tax is to be retained let it be collected quarterly.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

This bone of contention comes to us again. The experience of the present proprietor, Bro. W. J. Edwards, is that of all who have preceeded him. He has worked hard, and plead earnestly, and yet fails to get sufficient support to the paper to save him from loss. With the number of Good Templars there are in North Carolina, this should not be, and yet it is so. How to overcome this difficulty I am unable to see, but feel certain that something real tangible must be done at this session or we may expect to be without an organ—a result to be greatly deplored. Perhaps the paper has not been all that some have desired, but it has been more than the patronage has justified, and therefore no blame can attach to the proprietor. I leave the matter for your careful consideration, recommending that a Committee of three be appointed to suggest ways and means for its continuance and better support. And if the paper is to be continued, I hope that each Lodge will appoint one of its members as correspondent for the same. In this way the paper might be filled with items from every section of the State. and keep us posted all the time as to our progress. Also, it is hoped that many of our members who are given to newspaper contributions will give the publisher a helping hand. This I have done for the past two years and have written many columns for it without remuneration whatever.

THE PRESS.

Many of our political papers are doing good work by preaching total abstinence. A large per cent. of these public teachers are members of our Order. No greater power than the press is in the land for good or evil, and we ought to be encouraged at the signs of progress. Its editors have

freely and generously lent its columns to Conventions, and Lodges and individuals who desired to advocate total abstinence doctrines; and many of them, by their own hands, have hurled "shot and shell" at our enemy.

VISITING LODGES.

As intimated upon accepting re-election last year, I have been able to do but little visiting among the Lodges during this term. In all about thirty. This has been a source of as much regret to me as it could have been to any Lodge. My business relations have been such as to forbid my absence from home. While this has been so, I have not been unmindful of the great need existing for visitation from those in authority, and have endeavored, whenever it has been possible, to go in person or send a representative to such places as seemed to demand it. Our Lodges at this time really need counsel and advice from those capable of giving the same. We have now 230 Lodges in good standing. If we should turn our attention to strengthening and properly instructing these, we should derive more benefit than from the institution of new ones. For, after all, the members are the ones upon whom rests the duty of enlisting public attention and sympathy.

DECISIONS.

Question. Should the name of the accused, with the charge, be read in open Lodge?

Answer. Yes, in justice both to the accused and to the other members of the Lodge. This decision has since been confirmed by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Ques. Has a District Deputy any power to grant dispensations to set aside any part of the Constitution?

Ans. No. He has no assumed powers whatever.

THE JUVENILE TEMPLARS.

Nothing has been done in this department during the past year. At the last session of the R. W. G. L. an attempt was made to strike the word "tobacco" from the pledge, but proved unsuccessful. Your General Superintendent, Bro. Ramsay, informs me that his greatest trouble in this work is that part of the pledge, and becoming discouraged early in the year, he has about abandoned the undertaking. But we should take it up afresh. In other States the office of General Superintendent is filled by a lady, and it might be better for us to adopt the same course. The work is important. "Educating the children, the subordinate lodges become strengthened and invigorated. In Scotland last year, 1,500 passed from the Juvenile Temple

into the Subordinaie Lodges. If any love the order of G T., and wish to see it prosperous, let them work with and for the little ones, and they may thus best secure those ends."

IN CONCLUSION.

First of all, let me thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me by twice selecting me for the position of Grand Worthy Chief Templar. And each member of the order for their sympathy and support. To my associates in office I am greatly indebted for wise counsel and advice, as well as a cheerful performance of whatever duty they have been called upon to do. The report of your Grand Worthy Secretary is sufficient evidence of his faithful labors, and to him and your worthy and eloquent Grand Lecturer is greatly due much of the success of our order.

The kindly relations and friendships formed with the Good Templars of this jurisdiction I shall ever cherish as among the most pleasant and endearing experiences of my life. And now, after performing as well as I could the responsible duties of this office, I return the trust to you. If in my official or private relations to any member of this Order, I have written or spoken one unkindly word, or have been led into any harsh criticisms upon their actions, I beg to be forgiven I can only add that in all my official acts I have been influenced by a profound regard for our rules and usages, and by a sincere and honest desire to promote the best interests of our Order, and to "advance the cause of temperance."

May kind Heaven bless us in our assembling, guide us in our deliberations, free us from strife or contention, go with us to our homes, crown our efforts with success, and unite us in His kingdom at last.

Fraternally submitted,

NEEDHAM B. BROUGHTON,
G. W. C. T.

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Worthy Secretary then read his report as follows:

Report of the Grand Worthy Secretary.

Officers and members of the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T.
Of the State of North Carolina:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS :—For the fourth time it becomes my pleasurable duty to present to you a report of the progress of our work and its present condition.

The time of holding our Annual Session having been changed at our last meeting, being placed six weeks back, throws us out of one whole quarter, consequently our statistics and finances are shown for only three quarters instead of four. Had we been able to present the work for a whole year, our progress would have been equally as great as last year, and our financial condition equally as favorable.

Since our last session seventy-five Lodges have been organized, as shown by the following table:

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	BY WHOM ORGANIZED.
9	Charlotte,.....	Charlotte..... ..	Meckleburg....	T. N. Ramsay.
12	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	Granville.....	J. A. Waller.
13	Vistula.....	Pope's Chapel....	Franklin... ...	J. J. Barrow.
20	Eddystone... ...	Elizabeth City...	Pasquotank...	N. B. Broughton.
31	Stonewall.....	Morganton.....	Burke.....	Rev. W.C. Bowman.
34	Gibsonville.. ..	Gibsonville.....	Guilford.....	W. Anderson.
47	New Elam.....	Merry Oaks.....	Chatham	Rev. W. G. Clements.
76	Go-Ahead.....	Apex.....	Wake.	T. N. Ramsay.
103	Pea-Ridge.	Hester's Store...	Caswell.....	Rev. T. J. Gattis.
114	Day Spring.....	South Creek.....	Beaufort.....	G. H. Gaskins.
123	Cold Spring..	Asheville..	Buncombe....	Rev. W.C. Bowman.
124	Arcadian..	Weaversville....	"	"
125	Jack's Creek...	Day-Book.....	Yancey.....	"
161	Spring Hill.....	.....	Wilson.....	B. F. Briggs.
175	Dobson's	Dobson.....	Surry.....	A. H. Brown.
196	Beautiful Star...	Union..... ...	Hertford.....	R. G. Randolph.
225	Mount Pleasant..	Thompson's X R	Wake...	Dr. S. D. Booth.
234	Shady Grove.....	Falkland.....	Pitt.....	
235	Berea.....	Providence.....	Pasquotank..	W. M Hinton.
236	Star of Hope....	Davidson River..	Transylvania...	H. C. Gillespie.
237	Rock House.....	Wentworth.....	Rockingham...	T. N. Ramsay.
238	Emmaus.....	Emmaus Church	Johnston.. ...	Sam'l J. Fall.
239	El Dorado	Steel Creek . ..	Mecklenburg...	R. A. Grier.
240	Flat Rock... ..	Pacific.....	Franklin.....	J. J. Barrow.
241	Sunbeam.....	Goshen Church..	Sampson.....	W. P. Wemyss.
242	Gold Hill.	Gold Hill.....	Rowan.....	Geo. Starr.
243	Mt. Hebron....	Durham..... ..	Orange....	J. C. Shields.
244	Beulah.....	Buckland.....	Gates.....	L. L. Smith.
245	Clarkton.... ...	Clarkton.....	Bladen.... ..	J. W. Wallace.
246	Falling Creek....	.....	Wayne.....	J. G. Smith.
247	Catawba	Catawba..... ...	Catawba.....	T. N. Ramsay.
248	Ariel..	Reynoldson.....	Gates.	L. L. Smith.
249	Byhalia.....	Bethlehem.....	Pitt.	J. H. Jenkins.
250	Caswell.....	Kinston.....	Lenoir..... ...	T. N. Ramsay.
251	Cedar Grove.....	Bay River.....	Pamlico.....	"
252	Pleasant Hall.....	.....	Edgecombe	Dr. J. H. Jenkins.
253	Denver.....	Denver..... ..	Lincoln...	J. F Little.
254	Swan Quarter...	Swan Quarter...	Hyde.	T. N. Ramsay.
255	Matamuskeet....	Lake Landing...	"	"
256	Fairfield.....	Fairfield.....	"	"

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	BY WHOM ORGANIZED.
258	Pleasant Grove..	Lee's Mills.....	Washington...	T. N. Ramsay.
259	Rehobeth.....	Rehobeth Chu'ch	"	"
260	Sparkling Water	Plymouth.....	"	"
261	Our Hope.....	Rocky Hock.....	Chowan.....	Rev. A. D. Cohen.
262	Minnehaha... ..	Jackson.....	Northampton..	T. N. Ramsay.
263	Rising Sun.....	Small's X Roads	Chowan.....	Rev. A. D. Cohen.
264	Anchor..... . .	New Hope.....	Wake..	J. J. Barrow.
265	Neuse Falls.....	Neuse.....	"	"
266	Wake X Roads..	.....	"	N. B. Broughton.
267	Great Hope. ...	Bally-hack.....	Perquimans...	L. W. McMullen.
268	Never Fail.. ...	Bethel..	"	Rev. A. D. Cohen.
260	Progress..... ...	Belvidere.....	"	L. W. McMullen.
270	Hickory Grove..	Fish Dam.....	Orange	Mark Durham.
271	Williamston.....	.....	Martin	Dr. J. H. Jenkins.
272	Red X Roads....	.....	"	"
273	Purity..	Greensboro'... ..	Guilford..... .	T. N. Ramsay.
274	Summerfield.....	.....	"	"
275	Ready Branch...	Greenville.....	Pitt	Dr. J. H. Jenkins.
276	Pine Avenue.....	Alexandriana....	Mecklenburg..	J. F. Little.
277	Columbus.... ...	New Hope.....	Columbus.....	W. J. Stanley.
278	Happy Home.....	.....	Burke.....	Rev. W. C. Bowman.
279	Harrisburg.. ...	.....	Cabarrus.....	Rev. C. M. Pepper.
280	Mt. Moriah.....	....	Wake.....	N. B. B. & S. J. F.
281	Dayton.....	.....	"	Rev. L. J. Holden.
282	Union Hill... ..	Leesville.....	"	Dr. P. Booth.
283	Life Boat..	Lockville.....	Chatham.....	T. N. Ramsay.
285	Centennial... ..	Hank's Chapel....	"	"
286	Haw River.....	Belle Voir.....	"	"
287	Dogwood Hill...	.....	Columbus,....	W. J. Stanley.
288	Sweet Hope.....	.....	Northampton..	W. H. Williams.
289	Hill's Chapel....	Castania Grove..	Lincoln.....	J. F. Little.
290	Watery Branch..	Grists.....	Columbus. . .	W. J. Stanley.
291	Centre Grove....	.....	Person.....	J. A. Waller.
292	Youngsville.....	.....	Franklin.....	J. J. Barrow.
293	Pearl of Mount'n	Boone.....	Watauga.....	T. N. Ramsay.

DEGREE TEMPLES.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	BY WHOM ORGANIZED.
11	Wilson County..	Moveable.....	Wilson	B. F. Briggs.

During the year 46 Lodges have ceased to work, 27 having surrendered their Charters and 19 having forfeited them by non-payment of dues for one year. In the appendix will be found a full and accurate table showing the exact standing of each Lodge for the three quarters. By the admirable

system devised by, and contemplated in our Constitution, of suspending members for non-payment of dues, not as a punishment, but as a protection to the Lodge, if properly carried out, and by intelligent energy on the part of the G. W. Secretary, there is presented in our reports an active membership, not a fictitious one, as so many Societies present. I am so fully convinced by past experience in other bodies that an over estimate of members is injurious and ruinous. that I always endeavor by any amount of pains-taking to present a *bona fide* report of each and every Lodge in the jurisdiction. The following is a

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Number of members last report,		7785
Initiated since,	4594	
Admitted by Card,	179	
Restored,	196	
Total Accession,		4969
First Total,		12754
Number lost by Card,	286	
Withdrawals,	1433	
Suspended for non-payment of Dues,	1865	
Expelled,	457	
Deceased,	30	
Total Loss,		4071
Total number of Members present,		8683
Total number of Degree members,		2537
Number of Lodges last report,		201
Surrendered and Forfeited,		46
		155
Number of Lodges instituted,		75
Number of Lodges in good standing		230
Degree Temples at work,		8
Juvenile Temple at work,		1

SUMMARY OF LODGES.

In addition to the complete statistical table presented in the appendix, I have prepared the following summary of the condition of Lodges, arranged by Districts and Counties:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

Has held one District Convention.

Bertie County—Has three Lodges at work. One is luke-warm—one in good condition.

Camden Connty—Has but one Lodge, it has been steadily at work and progressing for three and a half years.

Chowan County—Has three Lodges. Two only recently organized—all good.

Gates County—Has four Lodges. Two recently organized—all in very good order.

Hertford County—Has three Lodges steadily at work, but need help.

Northampton County—Has three Lodges. Two quite new.

Pasquotank County—Has three Lodges. One weak, the other two in first class condition.

Perquimans County—Has seven Lodges. One has been suspended for three quarters, but is now at work. Three are new; three very good Lodges.

No Lodge has yet been organized in Currituck County.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

Has held no District Conventions as yet.

Beaufort County—Has three Lodges. No. 51 was a first-class Lodge, but from some unexplained cause, suddenly suspended work for three quarters; is now a small but working Lodge. One Lodge is new, the remaining one needs looking after.

Hyde County—Has three Lodges, all new, but in fine condition.

Martin County—Has three Lodges; two quite new. All in good working order.

Pitt County—Has five Lodges. All small country Lodges, but working well. Three times a Lodge has been organized at Greenville, but all have failed.

Washington County—Has three Lodges, all new.

No Lodges have as yet been organized in Dare and Tyrrell.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash and Wilson.

Has held two District Conventions.

Edgecombe County—Has three Lodges. One new and two very steady. Needs some work.

Halifax County—Has four Lodges. All in the southern part of county in first-class order, the Temple uniting all the Lodges in this section, in monthly meetings, has done good missionary work. In the northern part three have succumbed, and one is shaky.

Nash County—Has four Lodges, in fair working order, but needs help.

Washington County—Has four Lodges in fair working order, but needs help.

Wilson County—Has six Lodges. All but one thoroughly good—has been well worked by its County Deputies.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the counties of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Moore, Orange, Wake and Warren.

Held one yearly District Convention.

Chatham County—Has four Lodges, all new.

Franklin County—Has six Lodges, all in good condition—well worked by Deputy.

Granville County—Has six Lodges, one new. All good but Henderson, which cannot be heard from. Holds County Conventions.

Johnston County—Has five Lodges. All very good but Emmaus, which is a small one.

Moore County—Has one Lodge, very shaky.

Orange County—Has nine Lodges. All in fair working order, except No. 5, which is just now in a difficulty, and No. 65, from which I have no news.

Wake County—Has seventeen Lodges. All in good working order, five or six comparatively new. Has very successful regular quarterly County Conventions.

Warren County—Has two Lodges in good condition. Needs work in County.

No Lodges have as yet been organized in Harnett, and but one in Moore.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Forsythe, Guilford, Person, Randolph, Rockingham and Stokes.

Has held two District Conventions.

Alamance County—Has four Lodges. Three in very superior condition, one is struggling, and one has succumbed.

Caswell County—Has five Lodges. Four organized about two years since. They have never been visited nor had degrees till my recent visit to that section, they needed help.

Davidson County—Has one Lodge, good standard one. Two Lodges, Lexington and Midway, have succumbed, the county needs local work.

Forsythe County—Has one good Lodge. One has forfeited.

Guilford County—Has ten Lodges. One has surrendered, one has not been heard from—the rest in very fair condition. The two Lodges at Greensboro' have been instrumental in getting the Local Option law carried and enforced. The county needs a working deputy.

Person County—Has two Lodges. One is new, the other has been reorganized.

Randolph County—Has three Lodges. Two in fair condition. The county needs help.

Rockingham County—Has five Lodges. It needed help very much, I visited three Lodges in my recent trip and conferred degrees, hope it will start afresh now.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Embraces the counties of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow and Pamlico.

Has held one District Convention.

Carteret County—Has four Lodges, all reported in good working order. Atlantic No. 3, is amongst the most successful, and best managed in the State.

Craven County—Has two Lodges, both in Newbern, not excelled for zeal and promptness by any in the State. The county needs a good deputy to work up the country.

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Lenoir County—Has one Lodge, which is just now in trouble. One has surrendered during the year.

Pamlico County—Has four Lodges, all in good working order. One has surrendered, but all its members were transferred to a neighboring Lodge. Is well atended to by the County Deputies.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Duplin, Greene, Pender, Sampson and Wayne.

Has held one Convention.

Sampson County—Has four Lodges, all in fair working order, but not so flourishing as last year. One small Lodge has surrendered.

Wayne County—Has five Lodges. One or two of which need thoroughly arousing.

Duplin County—Has had three Lodges, each of which has been organized twice, but it seems impossible to get the people there to work in the cause. More labor has been spent without any apparent return, than in any other County in the State.

In Greene and Pender Counties no Lodges have yet been organized.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the Couuties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Richmond and Robeson.

Has held one District Convention.

Bladen County—Has two good Lodges; one is new, the other, at Abbottsburg, has surrendered because of the discontinuance of the workshops there. All the members have removed to other towns.

Brunswick County—Has one Lodge. Needs some good work both in Lodge and County.

Columbus County—Has four Lodges. Three have been recently organized by the District Deputy.

Cumberland County—Has but one Lodge. This has suffered much from its L. Deputies, and inefficient system of accounts. Only one statistical report, that for May, has reached the G. L. office, and out of the 151 members initiated during the sessions of the G. L. last year, not one is accounted for.

New Hanover County—Has but one Lodge, which needs help. Good work might be and ought to be done all round this section.

Richmond County—Has one Lodge in a flourishing condition.

Robeson County—Has one Lodge in good working order.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Stanly and Union.

Has held one District Convention.

Anson County—Has four Lodges, all of which need immediate help. Four others in the County have been organized but died for lack of inherent vitality.

Cabarrus County—Has four Lodges, three of which are improving in their work. No. 217 cannot be heard from, all letters sent come back uncalled for.

Lincoln County—Has three Lodges, all of recent organization. Appear to be doing well.

Mecklenburg County—Has fourteen Lodges, some of which have long been amongst the foremost of the State. There is room for the work of an active Lecturer for some time. One Lodge has surrendered. Holds County Conventions.

Montgomery County—Has two Lodges, both of which need visitation and the degrees.

Union County—Has one Lodge; three have succumbed for lack of interest and need of outside help.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the Counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes.

Has held no Convention.

Davie County—Has two Lodges; one is amongst the very best, the other small and feeble. Two have surrendered.

Rowan County—Has two Lodges. One new one is progressing finely. Lodge No. 8 is small and in difficulty.

Surry County—Has three Lodges in very fair condition. More work should be done in the County.

Wilkes County—Has one Lodge not reported last quarter. One Lodge has surrendered.

This District needs active work by County Deputies rather than outside help. When will a prophet arise?

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the counties of Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleaveland, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga and Yancey.

Has held one District Convention.

Ashe County—Has one Lodge, very good.

Burke County—Has two Lodges, recently organized by the Dist. Deputy.

Catawba County—Has two Lodges, One new, in fair order.

Mitchell County—Has one Lodge.

Yancey County—Has one Lodge, new.

Watauga County—Has one Lodge, just organized.

No work has been done in Caldwell, Cleaveland and Rutherford. McDowell has had two Lodges, both surrendered.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Embracing the counties of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania.

Buncombe County—Has two Lodges, both new.

Cherokee County—Has two Lodges. One very good,

Graham County—Has one good Lodge.

Henderson County—Has one Lodge, not so good as last year.

Transylvania County—Has two Lodges, in very good condition.

The Lodges in this and part of Eleventh District, with a number of others gone down, were chiefly organized two years ago; but with the exception of three Lodges I visited last summer have had no help since. Could we send two months help here, by a good Lodge organizer, not so much lecturer, a grand work might be accomplished.

DEPUTIES.

During the past four years we have been gradually improving. Since our last session there has been much more comprehensive labor done by our County, District and State Deputies, and it only remains that every District and County be as efficiently worked as our Commissions contemplate, and as some have been this year. Our forms of commission have been commended as the best extant, by those who are competent to judge.

DEGREES.

I have for a long time been anxious that our degrees should be more efficient in practice than they are. As a rule, every one acknowledges their beauty and utility, but fail to use them as they ought. To my mind a solution of the question has been found by the action of Roanoke Union Temple, No. 10. This Temple has affiliated with it some four or five Lodges. They hold monthly meetings alternately at each Lodge on Saturday afternoons, at every Temple meeting holding public meetings afterwards. The following extract from Deputy Bro. N. Mathewson, will explain:

"We are gaining and will continue to do so. Our Temple is popular with the G. T's, and our monthly meetings are looked forward to with pleasure. We always have a pleasant time, and always have public lectures by some one of our members, and we have now some good lecturers belonging to the Temple—Bros. Nash, Kitchen, Vann, Root and others, who are earnest workers. So I am in hopes you will have good reports hereafter from our field of labor. We will do our best to conquer—and should we fail, it will not be our fault.

With my best wishes I remain yours in F. H. & C.,

N. Mathewson."

Acting upon this suggestion I would strongly urge upon you the formation of County Degree Temples or Union Temples, where a group of lodges are near enough for a majority of their members to meet monthly. Selecting the best officers from the various lodges, and their holding office for a year, will ensure the better conduct of the work, and by working with one set of books, will effect an economical saving.

POSTAGE.

Our postage account is very heavy; one of the most important items in our expenses. I have during the year devised various means to make it lighter, and have succeeded in sending out our Quarterly P. W. and Blanks at about one-half. I am glad to note that the recent change in the postal law will effect a large saving in the future.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES.

During last year it was thought by many of the leading members of our

Order that an office centrally situated would be a great advantage. On their suggestion I rented the Standard building and fitted it up for a Lodge room, proposing to divide the rental between the various city Lodges, the G. L. and myself. It was agreed by the Executive Committee to pay twelve and a half dollars per month for rent of Grand Lodge office, including fire and gas. At the commencement of this year, taking into consideration the necessity of reducing expenses at every possible point, the Executive Committee would only agree to pay ten dollars. Afterwards a still further reduction was considered necessary, and one of the Lodges having failed to pay their quota, I was left considerably at a loss, which I could not sustain, and consequently removed to cheaper quarters.

PER CAPITA TAX.

The reduction of the Per Capita Tax having been recommended by a District Convention, I have taken some pains to come to a thorough comprehension of the question and have made many inquiries in all parts of the country. I would be glad to recommend any reduction which might be made with safety to the Order, and did at our session, three years ago, recommend its reduction from 12½ to 10 cents. I can only find that one State in the Union has a less per capita than ours, and that one, twenty-two years old, in one of the largest States, with a membership of over 35,000, yet scarcely any new Lodges having been instituted. Several Grand Lodges have a per capita tax of 12½, 15, and one has 25 cents. Experience teaches that no organization can prosper and be efficiently worked without a steady income, and it also teaches that less than 10 cents will not keep things moving.

Ours is a Missionary Order, and if its organization in our own locality has been productive of good, we must be willing, not only to pay enough to keep it on there, but contribute something to spread it to every hamlet and town which is cursed by the terrible foe. It is not right that Temperance work and expense should all be borne by the few. It is not to be expected that in the future, at all times, men will be found, not only to give a passing helping hand, but to sacrifice their time, their interests, and their money, as has been done in the past by Bro. Pritchard, Bro. Broughton, Bro. Ramsay and myself, and when I say this I speak in no spirit of boasting but with humble thankfulness to God that I have given the best efforts of four of the best years of my life to this great and glorious work.

I say again, if our own community has been benefited by the organization of a Lodge of Good Templars; if we know of a single drunkard reclaimed; of a single family restored to happiness; of a single youth whose feet have been turned into the right paths; of a single church who has added to its membership from our ranks; of a single soul redeemed from the snare of the tempter, and saved by our influence to family, friends and to society; of one only who has gone home to God shouting praises to Him for

Good Templary—and we know of scores such—I say then Glory be to God. Shall we rest contented with our triumphs? Shall we refuse to do more work? Nay, but our very success in the past should determine us to greater individual effort, and whenever it is not in our power to work individually, to yet sacrifice some small portion to aid the work by others.

In North Carolina, even with our sparse and widely scattered population, and our general poverty, we yet as a Grand Lodge, can hold up our heads as the equal of any. Only last year, the third of our existence, we were surpassed by but one Grand Lodge in the number of Lodges organized, whilst our financial status was far ahead of the majority. Compare for one moment the total cost of a private membership in Good Templary, with that of the most moderate of moderate drinking, or even the most occasional use of tobacco. Why, the total cost of Good Templary, in 230 Lodges over the whole State of North Carolina, does not equal the gross receipts over the bar of one liquor seller in Raleigh.

PERSONAL.

And now, Brethren, at the close of my fourth year of service allow me affectionately and heartily to thank you for the unvarying kindness bestowed upon me in all parts of the State, and the continued confidence reposed in me. Four years ago, when in this Hall, the Convention was held which called Good Templary to the State, I was an entire stranger to all but one, and had only been introduced to him by recommendatory letter about a week or so; being called upon for an expression of opinion as to the merits of the Order, I was simply surprised; when at the organization of Hickman Lodge, No. 1, I was elected Outside Guard, I was still more astonished; but having step by step been led on by my interest in the cause of Temperance, and by the appreciation of the members, and having gone hand in hand with the Order during the whole of its course in the State, I can only thank God that he has made me the instrument, however humble and weak, in thus advancing this His own work.

I am proud of my record, and I am proud of the Good Templars of North Carolina.

Official position in any sphere is apt to engender arbitrariness aud assertion on the one part and on the other suspicion and distrust, but amid all the arduous and the multifarious duties of my office, and the many hundreds of individuals I have had correspondence with during four years, I have never had occasion to write an angry letter, and have received but three which have contained a harsh expression, every one of which has been withdrawn, and fully apologized for upon a fair explanation.

My sincere thanks are due to the Grand Lodge Officers of the past year, especially to the members of the Executive Committee and to our noble G. W. C. T., of whom I cannot speak what I feel, for the unvarying kind-

ness, and the unanimity which has signalized our consultations and actions. Harmony which has made duty a pleasure.

I am so constituted as all my life to have been utterly unable to ask any favor or to return thanks personally to any one, but I feel none the less grateful to you. I have never sought the office, nor have ever asked for a vote for any office, nor have I sought the emoluments. I have taken my salary because the Grand Lodge thought I earned it, and freely voted it. In our somewhat straightened circumstances, owing to our only receiving three quarters dues and only one collection of the Lecture Tax, thus reducing our bona fide yearly income by fully one-third, I should have refused to take the salary voted me, but for the fact that two years ago I invested all I had for the Good of the Order in the SPIRIT OF THE AGE, never receiving or expecting, from the Grand Lodge any re-imbursement, nor pay even for advertising; and the Grand Lodge expecting and needing the whole of my time; thus without it was unable to support my family.

I accepted the office at nothing, and as long as it was tendered me should continue to accept it on that The only difference being that without salary I could not give so much time.

To my wife is due the expression of my thanks for so faithfully fulfilling the clerical duties of the office when I have been absent lecturing or visiting the Lodges.

Trusting for the blessing of God upon our present session, that our counsels may be harmonious, and that in wisdom we may review the past and prepare for still greater labor, and still higher achievements in the future, I am

Fraternally yours, in
Faith, Hope and Charity,
SAMUEL J. FALL,
Grand Worthy Secretary.

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The G. W. Treasurer then read his report, as follows:

Report of the Grand Worthy Treasurer.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. G. T.

I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report showing the receipts and disbursements for the past year. The total amount received from all sources is $3,121.80, and the total amount paid out $3,183.71, showing a balance due the Treasurer of $61.91.

We must bear in mind that this is only about three-fourths of the revenue

due the Grand Lodge, as there is still one quarter's dues which has not been paid in to the G. W. Secretary; this is caused by the Grand Lodge meeting at an earlier date than heretofore, not giving the Subordinate Lodges time to send in their returns.

There is due by the Grand Lodge, according to the report of the G. W. Secretary, and remaining unpaid, including the amount due the R. W. G. Lodge for supplies, debts amounting to $1,116.21. To offset this, the stock of supplies on hand is valued at $329.76, and estimating the receipts of the fourth quarter at $1,180.00, (which I think is a low estimate), would make the amount due to the Grand Lodge to be $1,429.76, showing a balance on hand, after paying all the indebtedness, of $393.55.

This I consider a good showing and would congratulate the Grand Lodge on account of the healthy state of its finances.

Fraternally submitted,

V. BALLARD,

Grand Treasurer.

VIRGINIUS BALLARD, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the GRAND LODGE OF N. C., I. O. G. T.

To cash received of S. J. Fall, G. W. Secretary, from Nov. 6th, 1865, to July 31st, 1876, as follows:		
Old balance,		$ 502 41
Per Capita Tax,	$ 1,954 20	
Lecture "	423 26	
Supplies,	152 50	
Degrees,	89 35	
		2,619 39
Amount to balance,		61 91
		$ 3,183 71
CREDIT.		
By cash paid out from Nov. 6th, 1875, to July 31st, 1876, as follows:		
S. J. Fall, G. W. Sect'y, amount voted him at Fayville Session,	$ 200 00	
N. B. Broughton, G. W. C. T., Do.	225 00	
T. N. Ramsay, Gr. Lecturer, Do.	75 00	
		$ 500 00
T. N. Ramsay, on acc't of salary,	500 00	
S. J. Fall, G. W. Sect'y, on acc' of salary,	666 66	
Do. do. Deputy expenses,	192 65	
Do. do. Postage,	270 30	
Do. do. Supplies,	49 20	
Do. do. Telegrams and Ex. Frt.	27 00	
Do. do. Office Rent,	90 00	
Do. do. Sundries,	32 25	
		1,828 00

S. J. Fall, G. W. Sec., on ac't of Printing.....	$ 1 25	
John Armstrong, on acc't. do.	189 00	
Edwards, Broughton & Co., do.	175 54	
Spirit of the Age, do.	165 91	
W. J. Edwards, do.	62 35	
		594 50
R. W. Grand Lodge Tax,.....		90 00
N. B. Broughton, Delegate to R. W. G. Lodge,....		20 00
Treasurer's Com's on $3,032 00 at 5 pr. ct.,.....		151 60
		$ 3,183 70
1876.		
Aug. 1, Balance due V. Ballard, Treas., $61 91.		

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Lecturer then read his report, as follows:

Report of the Grand Lecturer.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T., of North Carolina:

Another year has rolled away since we last met in Council. Let us thank God for all his mercies and benefits.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, held in Fayetteville, I was elected Lecturer for the State. I immediately entered upon an active campaign. I have travelled nearly the entire State; it has been done during the "winter snows and summer's beaming sun" I have delivered more than one hundred public lectures, organized twenty-two Lodges and initiated eight hundred members. I will state that I devoted most of my time to visiting and lecturing for Lodges that were already in existence and in a languishing condition.

At the invitation of our beloved brother, Col. J. J. Hickman, I spent two months in the State of Louisiana, in the interest of our Order. I also spent one month in the town of Lenoir, Caldwell County, where I had been summoned to the bedside of a dying mother. I will here say that I did not receive any pay from the Grand Lodge for the time not occupied iu the field.

As Superintendent of the Juvenile Temples I have no report to make. I have found it difficult to keep alive the temples that have been organized.

I cheerfully endorse the suggestion recommended by our Grand Worthy Chief Templar—in his report.

Four years ago there were but eleven Lodges in our State, with a small membership. To-day there are nearly three hundred Lodges, with a membership of ten thousand. North Carolina rings with glad shouts of glorious victories won and hearts made glad. The Temperance Reform is now assuming a prominent place in the history of this remarkable age. Never was a reformation more needed than this. For intemperance, like a wild

wave of fiery destruction is now sweeping over our beautiful country. Its evils more numerous than the devouring locusts of Egypt, as ubiquitous as the deluge that drowned the Antediluvian world—as fierce as the consuming fires that laid Sodom and Gomorrah in smouldering ashes, are seen in the enormous waste of pecuniary treasures, the mangled corpses of the rum-slain thousands in our midst, in the sorrow-burdened widowhood and poverty-stricken orphans.

To arrest these gigantic evils and inaugurate the beautiful reign of temperance is the grand object of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

I have planted our banner in the enemy's camp in every part of the State, and I would go again if there were as many "Devils as Rooftiles." Nearly every county in the State has been visited—but we still have a great work to perform. Be not discouraged. Heaven and earth unite us to urge on to action. Let us buckle on the armor—and let us prepare for a grand campaign during this Centennial year of our American Independence, and drive the ten thousand Rumsellers in North Carolina from their foul dens of infamy and Hell, and then peace and happiness will dwell within our borders. God will give us success. The morning of final success has already dawned upon the old North State. Its rays of light, beautiful as the Aurora of the North, flash far up towards the zenith.

Thousands of eyes hopefully watch the increasing light and thousands of hearts rejoice as the full orbed sun rises above the horizon. And soon that glorious orb shall reach meridian height and pour its golden beams upon a State redeemed from the curse of intemperance. "Each sun as it sets is bringing us nearer the joyful consummation. Time is hastening with gigantic footsteps to the advent throne. The sack cloth attire of a new burdened creation will soon be exchanged for the full robe of light and beauty which is decked a Sabbath world."

May God keep us to be faithful.

Yours fraternally.

THEO. N. RAMSAY,

Lecturer.

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The following Committees were then appointed:

On Finance.—D. J. W. Booth, W. S. Moore, J. F. Little, Dr. W. J. Lawrence, P. W. Wheeler.

On State of the Order.—J. K. Wheeler, Dr. J. H. Jenkins, Thos. Hampson, A. Mc. Jones. D. A. Jordan, Moses Gillam, T. C. Williams, W. H. Kitchen, J. A. Pierce, Miss Iola H. Bledsoe, Miss N. E. Thompson.

On Constitution.—J. McKeown, A. W. Edwards, C. E. Myrick, H. C. Williams, John E. Ray.

A question asked by Bro. W. B. Harrell, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A resolution offered by Bro. R. A. Grier, that the election of officers be the special order for 5 P. M. to-morrow, was, upon motion, amended to read 3 P. M., and was then laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance then made the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

I. That they have carefully examined the books of Samuel J. Fall, Grand Worthy Secretary, and find the same correct as per his report.

II. The Treasurer's accounts have also been examined and found correct.

III. We recommend the following: That the Grand Worthy Chief Templar be allowed for the past year $150, money paid out by him for loss of time.

IV. That the Grand Worthy Treasurer be allowed the balance of per centage due him, amounting to $61.91.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOOTH,
W. J. LAWRENCE,
P. W. WHEELER,
W. S. MOORE,
J. F. LITTLE.

The report of the committee was adopted.

A resolution offered by Bro. P. W. Wheeler was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. for the exemplification of the unwritten work, and to hear condensed reports from District and County Deputies.

NIGHT SESSION—8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

Past Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Brother Rev. T. H.

Pritchard, D. D., being present, was invited to support the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. W. B. Harrell, was adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter all resolutions offered in this Grand Lodge shall be referred, without debate, to the standing committee appropriate to the subject.

A resolution offered by Bro. W. S. Moore, was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The District Deputies then present, made a verbal report of their work and of the condition of the lodges in their territory.

The Committee on Distribution made a report distributing the work as follows:

To the Committee on State of the Order.—From the Grand Worthy Chief Templar's report, that part headed, "District and County Conventions," "Visiting Lodges," "Juvenile Work."

From the Grand Worthy Secretary's report, that part headed, "Summary of Lodges," and "Degrees."

To the Committee on Finance.—From Grand Worthy Chief Templar's report, "Our Financial Condition."

From the Grand Worthy Secretary's report, "Per Capita Tax."

To the Committee on Decisions.—The decisions of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

They also recommend that a special committee be appointed on the "Spirit of the Age."

On motion of Bro. H. T. Jordan, 12 M to-morrow was made a special order for taking up a contribution for the Orphan Asylum.

On motion of Bro. W. S. Moore, Brother Rev. Dr. Pritchard was requested to address the Grand Lodge on the necessities of the Orphan Asylum at a quarter to twelve.

On motion of Bro. J. H. Cordon, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions of co-operation of the Grand Lodge with the Orphan Asylum.

The following were appointed on said committee:

Bro. J. H. Cordon, W. S. Davis, W. S. Whidbee.

The following were appointed the Committee on the "Spirit of the Age:"

H. T. Jordan, A. D. Cohen, C. B. Green.

The Grand Worthy Chief Templar then offered documents received from the Right Worthy Grand Templar to the Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Worthy Chief Templar then gave the unwritten work of the Subordinate Degree.

The Grand Worthy Chief Templar then opened the Grand Lodge in the Second Degree, and called the Grand Worthy Secretary, Bro. Samuel J. Fall, to the chair to help in the work.

The following brethren, being members of new Lodges, then received the Degrees:

A. Mc. Jones, J. N. Hubbard, W. P. Craven, L. H. Barrow, W. M Flow, W. A. Tilley, R. M. Shields, R. L. Sutphin, Moses Gillam.

Upon the Lodge being opened in the Third Degree, questions were raised upon the mode of conferring adopted, and upon jurisdiction.

Upon motion the Degrees were proceeded with.

Bro. E. C. Cuthbert desired to record his protest against it.

At the conclusion of the Third Degree the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MORNING SESSION—9½ A. M.

After half an hour's religious exercises, conducted by the Rev. A. D. Cohen, the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

The minutes of the Afternoon Session of yesterday were read and approved. Also those of the Night Session.

By request the Committee on the "Spirit of the Age" was increased to five; Bros. W. S. Parker and J. W. Roberts were appointed.

Bro. A. R. Slaughter was appointed to assist the Outside Guard.

The Committee on Constitution reported on the following question submitted by the Rev. W. B. Harrell:

Does a member of the order, who is a minor, violate his pledge in Art. II, by selling beer, ale or cider, while in the employ of his father, who keeps a store.

ANSWER—Chase's Digest, page 318, Sec. 84, says: "Any member of our order who sells or gives away intoxicating liquors, either for his father or employer, violates his pledge."

We recommend to add, "and a Lodge voting to excuse him violates the Constitution."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as entitled to seats as representatives:

W. T. Ireland, W. E. Thompson, W. H. Cates, E. M. Ward, J. M. White W. Hartsfield, J. H. Cordon, G. W. Long, Miss Jennie Albright, W. E. Whitmore, W. H. Kitchen, W. S. Davis, R. M. Shields, J. F. Newsome, A. D. Cohen, W. S. Whidbee, I. S. D. Sauls, J. C. Linlay, B. W. Ray, Moses Gillam, J. M. Winston, F. S. Watkins, T. L. Martin, R. L. Sutphin, G. W. Tait, S. A. Fishblate.

They further reported the following as entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Delia Watson, Bettie McMannen, J. W. Roberts, T. L. Carmichael, Bettie Cates, W. H. Weston, J. A. Kelley, N. B. Bagwell, A. J. Bagwell, Mrs. A. D. Cohen, W. T. Barrow, J. J. Ranes, Albert D. Pair, Mary B. Wallace.

The report was adopted and the Grand Worthy Counsellor was directed to confer the Degree in the Senate Chamber.

The Finance Committee made a further report, which was taken up by sections:

I. In the matter of the resolution relating to the raising of additional funds for the Lecture system by soliciting contributions throughout the State, the following resolution is offered:

Resolved, that we deem it inexpedient to impose any additional expense on the Lodges, and recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

The section was adopted.

II. In the matter of that portion of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar's report relating to "non-payment of dues," the following is recommended:

1. That the Lodges exercise the greatest prudence in the choice of Financial Secretary.

2. That each Lodge requires the names of members in arrears to be read in open Lodge each meeting night after the second meeting succeeding the installation of officers.

The second clause of the section was not adopted.

III. In the matter of the per capita tax, we recommend that it remain the same.

The consideration of this section was postponed till the reception of the report on the same subject by the Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. Z. T. Broughton offered a resolution relating to the "Spirit of the Age," which was referred to the Committee on the "Spirit of the Age."

A resolution relating to the same, offered by Bro. W. S. Parker, was referred to the same committee.

A memorial embracing a series of questions from Person Lodge, was presented by Bro. H. T. Jordan, and referred to the Committee on Constitution.

A resolution relating to the Degrees, offered by Bro. W. G. Matton, was referred the same committee.

A question on violation of Art. II, asked by Bro. W. J. Edwards, was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report

of the Committee on Oxford Orphan Asylum was read, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars of the State of North Carolina has heard with deep regret of the destitute condition of the Asylums at Oxford and Asheville: Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we hereby tender the inmates of these institutions our most heartfelt sympathy.

2. That we will co-operate with the Masonic fraternity in the noble work undertaken by them, of supporting and educating our orphans; and that we herewith call upon our members at this time to contribute liberally to this grand and laudable purpose.

3. That we hereby call the attention of the Subordinate Lodges, through their representatives present, to this subject and urge upon them the propriety of their constant aid and co-operation.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity,

JAMES H. CORDON,
WM. S. DAVIS,
WM. S. WHIDBEE.

The hour of the special order, Dr. Pritchard's address, having arrived, the Doctor took the rostrum, and after having eloquently described our duty to these orphans—the heirs of immortality, the germs of power in future years—in brief, but burning words told of the necessities of the Asylum, and stirred the hearts of those present by his appeal for a liberal contribution.

At the close of his address, a collection was taken up by the following ladies: Miss Mary A. Albright, Miss Iola H. Bledsoe, Miss Ida Barringer, Miss Blanche Fentress, Mrs. Beckwith and Mrs. Ballard.

The resolutions of the committee were then heartily adopted. The collection amounted to $65.10.

On motion the Grand Worthy Secretary was directed to draft a copy of the resolutions and forward them with the cash to the Superintendent, by Express.

The Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, Bro. N. B. Broughton, then read his report, as follows:

Report of Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The undersigned had the privilege of attending the last session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, which was held in the beautiful city of Louisville, Ky., commencing on May 28th, 1876, as your Representative.

The session was a large one, every State in the American Union being represented, together with England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Australia, South Africa, and many other British Isles.

In the report of the Right Worthy Grand Templar the following decisions were offered and confirmed :

1. QUESTION.—When a member is charged with a violation of his obligation, should the Worthy Chief Templar read out the name of the party accused, or should he appoint a committee without announciug to the Lodge the name of the accused ?

ANSWER.—When a Worthy Chief Templar has placed in his hands a charge against a member, for the purpose of appointing a committee of investigation, he should read aloud the charge, including the name of the accused, but withholding the name of the accuser. Justice to the accused, as well as to the innocent members of the Lodge, would justify this course.

2. QUESTION.—A member of a Lodge, being put on trial, is declared guilty, and fined, reprimanded, or otherwise punished. On completion of the punishment, he draws a clearance card and joins another Lodge. Can the member, having drawn his card, appeal against the action of the Lodge? Or, if such a member had appealed prior to drawing his clearance card, does the drawing of the card while the appeal is pending stay the appeal, owing to his having disconnected himself from the Lodge ?

ANSWER.—If the appellant is the defender in the case, his withdrawal from the Lodge by card would stay the appeal. The Lodge by granting the card, declares the receiver free from all charges ; and the member by taking his card from the Lodge, frees the Lodge from all responsibility.

3. QUESTION.—A member of a Lodge prefers a charge against another member of the same Lodge, and on trial the accused is declared "not guilty." It is assumed that any member of the Lodge who voted against the verdict has the right to vote against the acquittal. Suppose the member who appeals draws his clearance card after appealing, must the appeal drop ? Or, if he draws his card prior to appealing, can he then appeal after his card is granted ?

ANSWER *to the first Question.*—The appeal would fall when he drew his card. *To the Second Question :* He would certainly have no right to appeal after he had withdrawn from the Lodge on card of clearance.

4. QUESTION.—May the quarterly password be communicated to a member while on a traveling card ?

ANSWER.—Yes ; provided the member holding the travelling card furnishes a certificate from his Worthy Chief Templar to communicate the password to him.

6. QUESTION.—Can a G. W. Counsellor, by virtue of his office, institute Lodges without the proper consent of the G. W. C. T.?

ANSWER.—The Grand Lodge, while in session, might, by resolution or by-law, give such officer authority to organize Lodges ; but, without special action, the matter of introducing the Order would be under the especial direction of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, and his consent would have to be obtained for the purpose named.

7. QUESTION.—Would a member of a Grand Lodge who had been admitted under Art. I, Sec. 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, be eligible as a Representative to the R. W. G. Lodge ?

The sessions of the body were laborious and at times animated, for most part consumed in the discussion of the following offered by Representative Gladstone, of Scotland :

To strike out from R. W. G. Lodge Constitution Art, I, Sec. 3, the words commencing with "except" and ending with "business," and insert the following in their place, "except that in any Grand Lodge territory where difference of language or race preclude united working, a duplicate Grand Lodge Charter may be granted, covering the same territory, and having jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges of the language or race for which it is granted ; and in any case where a Grand Lodge excludes persons from membership, owing to language or race, its jurisdiction shall, so far as the excluded community is concerned, be considered unoccupied territory, and the R. W. Grand Lodge or any Grand Lodge may mission such portions till they have sufficient Subordinate Lodges to receive a duplicate Grand Lodge Charter with co-equal powers with the senior Grand Lodge in that territory.

The following substitute was moved by Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Canada :

WHEREAS, R. W. G. T. Hastings, as long ago as 1866, and such decision was affirmed by the R. W. Grand Lodge, decided in answer to the following :

QUESTION.—What is the law of our Order touching the granting of Charters for Lodges composed of persons of African descent ? And (2) as to the expediency of such action ?

"ANSWER.—There is no law of our Order that would interfere with the granting of Charters for Lodges composed of persons of African descent, and my own opinion is that it would be expedient to encourage them in every way in our power to protect themselves from the evils of intemperance, and to aid us in our efforts to drive intemperance from the land. I have a most earnest desire that in meeting questions of this kind, the Order of Good Templars may take the high ground of *Christian principle*, and trust in God that all will be well in the end.—*R. W. G. T. Hastings, S. 7.*

"In forming Lodges of colored persons *proceed in all cases as though they were whites.* I do not understand that our Order takes into account the color of a person's skin, any more than it does the color of his hair or eyes. —*Ibid—Chase's Digest 7th edition, page* 98."

That in the year 1873, the R. W. Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution :

"That all Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, whose charters have not been revoked or suspended for a violation of the Constitution, laws, or rules of Order, are entitled to be recognized and receive quarterly passwords, and the refusal thereof because of *race, color, or condition*, will be a violation of duty and obligation.

Thus showing clearly that the Right Worthy Grand Lodge has always had its doors wide open to ALL, without distinction of color or condition. That the amendment passed in 1875, in the following words, to wit:

"Except after the assent obtained or upon the petition of any Grand Lodges, or for one or more Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, may be granted, covering a part or whole of the territory embraced by the charter of such existing Grand Lodges"—

Was not intended in any way to interfere, and does not in fact interfere with the eligibility of ANY MAN, white or black, to membership in the Or-

der, but simply enlarging the privileges and powers of the Grand Lodges, as indicated in the amendment, therefore,

Resolved, That any provision in the constitution or by-laws of any Grand Lodge, that in any manner contravenes this well understood fundamental principle of the Order, is absolutely null and void, and this R. W. Grand Lodge is prepared at any time to revoke the charter of any Lodge that may persist in violating this or any other law of the Order. At the same time this Right Worthy Grand Lodge recognizes the undoubted right of each Grand Lodge to determine to whom it shall grant charters for Subordinate Lodges.

That it is not expedient to repeal the amendment to the Constitution passed in 1875, as set forth above, as this R. W. Grand Lodge does not see any reason why the privileges so granted to the several Grand Lodges should be withdrawn.

This substitute was adopted, whereupon the Representatives from England, Scotland, Wales, Nova Scotia, and a part of those from Ohio and Indiana, withdrew.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That on application from any Grand Lodge willing to pay the cost. the R. W. G. Templar shall send to its present G. W. C. Templar a manuscript copy of the unwritten work of the Initiatory, Second, Third and Grand Lodge Degree, such cipher to be kept in trust by and for the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Chase's Digest be stricken from the list of supplies furnished to Grand Lodges, and that the R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to compile a Digest containing all decisions of G. W. C. Templars or Grand Lodges as have been ratified by this R. W. Graud Lodge, so soon as the Executive Committee believe the interests of our Order demand and our pecuniary condition will justify the expenditure required.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a new Burial Ceremony, and report at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That R. W. G. Templar, Col. J. J. Hickman, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and Rev. John Russell, be sent as Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to promote the interests of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland, or in any other jurisdiction.

This last resolution called for voluntary pledges of money to pay the expenses of these brethren. The sum of $4,320 was subscribed, and your Representatives pledged our Grand Lodge for $100 of that amount, and ask that your Treasurer be authorized to forward the same at once to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The following was also adopted :

The Key to the Password and the Test was authorized to be changed.

Article 8, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, Section 7, was amended by making a violation of Article 2 a forfeiture of all honors earned.

Article 1, Section 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, was defined as follows:

To be the privilege of sitting in Grand Lodge, and participating in proceedings, making motions, presenting resolutions and joining in discussions, and eligibility to office.

The following notices of amendment to the Constitution were given and will lie over until next session :

We move, 1st. To renew the proposition to abolish the re-obligation ceremony and all portions of the Constitutions relative to the subject.

2d. That a ceremony of admonition be substituted in our Rituals for the re-obligation Ceremony, when abolished.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge ask the R. W. Grand Lodge to institute an officer whose title shall be known as Worthy Lecturer, this title to be inserted in the Subordinate Lodge Rituals.

That the election of Officers of Subordinate Lodges take place semi-annually instead of quarterly.

That all members of the Order, who have been in continuous fellowship for ten years be made life members thereof.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Col. J. J. Hickman, R. W. G. T., Louisville, Kentucky.

Theo. D. Kanouse, R. W. G. C., Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mrs. M. L. H. Gould, R. W. G. V. T., Los Angelos, California.

W. S. Williams, R. W. G. S., Napanee, Ontario, Canada.

R. R. Scott, R. W. G. Treas., St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. H. M Mood, R. W. G. Chap., Spartanburg, South Carolina.

A. J. Chase, R. W. G. M., Portland, Maine.

Mrs. A. A. Brookbank, R. W. G. D. M., Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Hon. Reuben Ayliff, R. W. G. I. G., Grahamstown, South Africa.

W. F. Thompson, R. W. G. O. G., Mobile, Alabama.

Mrs. M. B. O'Donnell, C. S. J. T., Lowville, New York.

Hon. S. D. Hastings, P. R. W. G. T., Madison, Wisconsin.

The next Session will be held at Portland, Maine, U. S., on the Fourth Tuesday of May, 1877.

I thank you for the high honor conferred upon me as Representative.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. BROUGHTON.

The Report was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

Afternoon Session—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution made a report, referring

that part of the Representatives report relating to the promise made to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of $100, to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Constitution made a report on the Memorial from Person Lodge. The further consideration of which was postponed.

The Committee on State of the Order made the following report on the resolutions offered by Bro. J. K. Wheeler.

WHEREAS, It is believed that this Grand Lodge can attain to still more glorious results than any yet reached, and with an earnest desire to secure this: therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That looking to the carrying out of the within proposed plan, the office of State Lecturer be and is hereby abolished.

We, your committee, recommend the adoption of the first resolution.

2. It shall be incumbent upon the Grand Worthy Chief Templar to visit each and every Lodge in this jurisdiction at least once a year, and that he shall lecture each Lodge, confer Degrees, and give such instructions as may be required, giving special attention to such Lodges as may be in an unhealthy condition.

3. That as a compensation for such service as is required in the second of these resolutions, the Grand Worthy Chief Templar shall receive for each Lodge visited five dollars ($5), to be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge, and as additional remuneration, for each new Lodge organized he shall retain the Charter fee, less the actual cost of such supplies as are usually furnished at their organization.

Your committee recommend that the second and third resolutions be not adopted.

4. That the territory of this Grand Lodge be divided into eight districts, to be as nearly uniform as possible. Each of these districts to hold an annual convention, under such regulations as have been, or may be fixed by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend that the fourth resolution be so amended as to read twelve instead of eight.

5. That it shall be the prerogative of these conventions to elect their own presiding officer.

Your committee recommend that the fifth resolution be not adopted.

6. That a per capita tax of two and one-half cents be levied quarterly to constitute a district fund, which fund shall be placed in the hands of the District Treasurer, to meet the necessary expenses of the District.

Your committee recommend that the sixth resolution be not adopted.

7. That it shall be the duty of each Deputy to visit each Lodge in his district at least once a year, and for such visit he shall receive a fee of two dollars and fifty cents, to be paid from the Grand Lodge fund, and for each new Lodge organized, he shall retain the Charter fee, less the net cost of supplies.

Your committee recommend that the seventh resolution be so amended as to read, a fee of five dollars, instead of two and a half, and void from

Grand Lodge fund, and in addition, that Deputies shall visit unhealthy Lodges more than once if needed, but shall not receive any pay from Grand Lodge for subsequent visits.

8. That the per capita tax of this Grand Lodge be reduced to seven and one-half cents per quarter on each member.

Your committee recommend that the eighth be so amended as to read ten cents per quarter per capita.

(Signed) J. K. WHEELER, Chairman.

The report was then considered seriatim.

The discussion of the first section was, upon motion, postponed till action upon the remainder.

A lively debate on the second and third sections then ensued between Bros. J. K. Wheeler, W. H. Kitchen, M. Gillam, W. B. Harrell, R. A. Grier, S. A. Fishblate, T. C. Williams, J. H. Cordon, N. B. Broughton, C. B. Green, and J. F. Little.

Br. S. D. Booth submitted the following substitute:

That the Grand Worthy Chief Templar shall visit as many Lodges as practicable, and shall receive as salary one thousand dollars and expenses.

Further debate ensued between Bros. S. D. Booth, E. C. Cuthbert, J. C. Ellington, Z. T. Broughton, and W. J. Stanley.

An amendment was offered by Bro. A. W. Edwards, to strike out of substitute the words, "one thousand dollars."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion the further consideration of the report was postponed and the election of officers, was proceeded with.

Delegates from Clayton Lodge, No. 33, not having reported, Past Representative J. C. Ellington, and Lodge Deputy V. B. Tomlinson were allowed to cast the votes of their Lodge.

Also, Bro. J. W. Roberts, of Alamance, No. 6.

The following being entitled to vote, but not having previously been reported upon, were by decision of the Chair allowed to vote:

Lewis Blount, Miss Jennie Albright, W. G. Matton, L. P. Sherrill, S. A.

Fishblate, J. A. Pierce, H. T. Whittington, G. W. Tait, Thos. Weeks, L. N. Ranes, W. E. Wilson.

The following were put in nomination for Grand Worthy Chief Templar:

N. B. Broughton, by W. J. Stanley.
T. N. Ramsay, by C. B. Green.
Rev. A. D. Cohen, by J. C. Green.
Dr. S. D. Booth, by Dr. J. H. Jenkins.
J. K. Wheeler, by Dr. S. D. Booth.
Col. W. S. Davis, by P. W. Wheeler.
W. J. Stanley, by J. K. Wheeler.
Prof. W. C. Bowman, by W. J. Stanley.
J. F. Little, by W. S. Moore.

Bro. N. B. Broughton declined the nomination, stating it to be impossible for him to hold the office any longer.

Bro. Stanley declined.

Dr. S. D. Booth declined.

Bro. J. K. Wheeler declined.

On ballot Bro. T. N. Ramsay received 56 votes; A. D. Cohen, 17; W. C. Bowman, 20; W. S. Davis, 6; J. F. Little, 3; Scattering 4.

Brother T. N. Ramsay having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Bro. A. W. Edwards, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 9½ to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session—9½ A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, after half an hour's religious exercises, conducted by Bro. W. C. Bowman.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

An objection being raised, the Grand Worthy Chief Templar decided that no one could vote without the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree as Representatives:

Lewis Blount, N. S. Poe, S. A. Fishblate, H. A. Wyche.
Also, Sister Viola Tillery Past Worthy Vice Templar.

The report was adopted and the Grand Worthy Counsellor directed to confer the Degree in the Senate Chamber.

On objection made, the Grand Worth Chief Templar decided that no one could take the Grand Lodge Degree who had not previously taken the Degrees of Fidelity and Charity.

A motion being made that the Grand Worthy Chief Templar appoint some officer to confer the Second and Third Degrees in the Senate Chamber, on objection, it was ruled that this Grand Lodge had no constitutional right to confer them.

On motion of Bro. J. C. Ellington, the election of officers was postponed for half an hour.

A motion to postpone the election till 3½ P. M. was lost.

The discussion of the report of the Committee on State of the Order was continued on the recommendation, that the fourth resolution be so amended as to read, "twelve districts instead of eight."

The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation that the fifth and sixth resolutions be not adopted.

The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation, that the seventh resolution be so amended as to read, "A fee of $5.00," instead of "$2 50."

The recommendation and resolution were not adopted.

On motion the eighth recommendation and resolution was stricken out.

Bro. S. D. Booth moved to strike out all after the first resolution, which prevailed.

A discussion then took place on the first resolution and recommendation of the committee.

On motion, the further discussion of the matter was made the special order for 4 P. M.

The further election of officers was then gone into.

A motion offered by Bro. F. M. Keith to postpone the election of officers till 12 M. was lost.

The following nominations were then made for the office of Grand Worthy Counsellor:

P. W. Wheeler, by Dr. S. D. Booth.
N. B. Broughton, by J. G. Smith.
J. C. Ellington, by N. G. Gulley.
W. J. Stanley, by A. W. Edwards.
M. Gillam, by W. S. Whidbee.
J. W. Roberts, by H. T. Jordan.
J. H. Cordon, by Lewis Blount.
E. C. Cuthbert, by J. C. Green.
W. C. Bowman, by W. P. Craven.
A. W. Edwards, by J. C. Green.
H. T. Jordan, by J. A. Pierce.

Bros. Wheeler, Broughton, Roberts, Cuthbert, Edwards and Jordan declined.

On ballot 103 votes being cast, Bro. M. Gillam, 32; Bowman, 27; Stanley, 18; Ellington, 15; Cordon, 10—No election.

On a second ballot Bro. M. Gillam received 60 votes, and Bowman. 43.

Bro. Gillam having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected Grand Worthy Counsellor.

The following nominations were then made for Grand Worthy Vice Templar:

Mary E. Albright, by Dr. S. D. Booth.

Hattie P. Russell, by Z. W. Lyon.
Iola H. Bledsoe, by C. B. Green.
Blanche Fentress, by F. M. Keith.
Elizabeth Oaksmith, by A. D. Cohen.
Ida Barringer, by M. Moore.

On ballot 102 votes cast, Sister Bledsoe received 30; Oaksmith, 26; Fentress, 19; Albright, 18; Barringer, 5; Russell, 4.—No election.

On a second ballot Sister Bledsoe received 66 votes; Sister Oaksmith, 30.

Sister Iola H. Bledsoe having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected Grand Worthy Vice Templar.

Nominations were then made for Grand Worthy Secretary:

C. B. Green, by Jas. Gibbons.
Samuel J. Fall, by W. S. Moore.
B. F. Briggs, by E. L. Becton.
W. J. Edwards, by W. J. Stanley.
V. Ballard, by B. F. Briggs.

A motion made to postpone the election of Grand Worthy Secretary till 12 M. to-morrow was lost.

Bro. F. M. Keith then rose to a question of privilege, and stated that he intended to charge Bro. Fall with being a defaulter to this Grand Lodge.

The election was proceeded with.

On ballot 103 votes were cast, of which Bro. Samuel J. Fall received 60 votes; C. B. Green, 16; W. J. Edwards, 14; B. F. Briggs, 9; V. Ballard, 4.

Bro. Samuel J. Fall having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Worthy Secretary.

Nominations were then made for Grand Worthy Treasurer:

V. Ballard, by Dr. S. D. Booth.
R. W. Belo, by J. H. Cordon.
W. J. Edwards, by W. P. Craven.
W. S. Whidbee, by J. K. Gibson.

Bros. Belo, Edwards and Whidbee declined.

The Marshal was instructed to cast the vote of the Lodge for Brother V. Ballard, who was declared Grand Worthy Treasurer.

Bro. Samuel J. Fall then asked that a special committee be appointed to investigate the charge verbally preferred just previous to the election.

The Grand Lodge then went into the election of its Representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The following nominations were made:

B. F. Briggs, N. B. Broughton, A. D. Cohen. W. C. Bowman, T. N. Ramsay, P. W. Wheeler, W. J. Stanley, S. D. Booth, Iola H. Bledsoe.

Bros. Ramsay, Booth and Wheeler declined.

Bro. N. B. Broughton and Sister Iola H. Bledsoe having received a majority of all votes cast were declared elected.

On a second ballot Bro. A. D. Cohen having received a majority of all votes cast was declared elected.

The following were nominated as alternates:

Sister Fentress, Dr. W. B. Harrell, J. G. Smith, C. E. Myrick.

Bro. Smith declined.

Upon ballot, Sister B. Fentress, Dr. W. B. Harrell, and C. E. Myrick were elected.

A resolution offered by Bro. S. Starr relating to Juvenile Temples, was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

A resolution offered by Sister Oaksmith relating to the same was referred to the same committee.

The Grand Worthy Chief Templar then read the following charge placed in his hands by Bro. F. M. Keith:

I charge Bro. Samuel J. Fall with being a defaulter to this Grand Lodge at the session of 1875, held at Fayetteville.

(Signed) F. M. KEITH.

The following were appointed a special committee, with instructions to thoroughly investigate the matter:

Moses Gillam, T. C. Williams, and Dr. W. J. Lawrence.

Bro. N. B. Broughton then made the following statement:

That upon the examination of the Secretary's books by the Auditor, and by the Finance Committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge, they were found correct, but there remained the sum of $502.41 in his hands as shown by the printed balance sheet.

That the Grand Lodge at its session voted to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar $225, repayment of moneys paid by him for expenses in the discharge of his duties. Also to the Grand Worthy Secretary $200 additional salary as intimated at Newbern session. Also, to the Grand Lecturer $75, balance of $300 voted at Newbern session.

That these amounts have been paid as shown by the Treasurer's present report.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T.

Bro. V. Ballard, G. W. T., announced the sum of $6.90 received at the collection for the Orphan Asylum at last night's public meeting.

The unfinished business being the report of the Committee on State of the Order,

On motion it was postponed till 4 P. M.

The report of the Committee on Constitution, in the matter of the questions asked by Person Lodge, No. 100, was taken up, read and answered by the committee, and action taken upon each question as follows;

FIRST. A Lodge voluntarily surrenders its charter to avoid an involun-

tary forfeiture thereof. The surrender is made with an express understanding that the charter may thereafter be reapplied for and restored under more favorable auspices should such arise. Some weeks afterwards it is reapplied for and restored and all accounts between the Lodge and the Grand Lodge adjusted.

QUESTION 1. Does that temporary collapse of the Lodge vacate the office and forfeit the commission of the Lodge Deputy who is a member of the Lodge, but does not surrender his commission with the charter and whose commission is neither officially revoked nor required to be surrendered ?

The committee answer yes.
The answer was adopted.

QUESTION 2. The like inquiry is made in the cases of County Deputies, District Deputies and Deputies for the State at large who stand in the same situation and sustain the same relation to the subject matter of this inquiry ?

The committee answer yes.
The answer was adopted.

QUESTION 3. The same inquiries are made in a case where the surrender is not accompanied with any such understanding as to restoration of charter.

The committee answer yes.
The answer was adopted.

QUESTION 4. The same inquiries are made in a case where the Lodge has not made a voluntary surrender of its charter but has absolutely forfeited it?

The committee answer yes.
The answer was adopted.

SECOND. Has the holder of delegated official authority any power to delegate any of his official authority?

The committee answer no.
The answer was adopted.

THIRD. Can the Grand Worthy Chief Templar orally commission a member of the order to institute a Lodge ?

The committee answer yes.

The answer was adopted.

FOURTH. Can the Grand Worthy Chief Templar divide his authority to appoint a deputy and join any one with himself in commissioning a deputy?

The committee answer, he can.
The answer was adopted.

FIFTH. Two Lodges in adjoining counties unite in a public celebration and effort to raise a Lodge in one of those counties, in which county there is a commissioned county deputy, who is present on the occasion and ready to act. A State Deputy, who is not a member of either of those Lodges but of a different Lodge in the county, which is not that in which the meeting is held, on invitation of some of the members of the Lodge in his own county, to be present and deliver an address, appears on the ground, not in person, but by proxy, in the person of a member deputized by him to represent him, and claims the right and attempts thus to institute the Lodge then and there to be raised. The judgment of the Grand Lodge thereon is asked.

The committee answer, he had no right.
The answer was adopted.

SIXTH. Such intrusion, if intrusion it was, having been repelled by the County Deputy, and no Lodge that day instituted, a second meeting is held in the same county and neighborhood. Again the County Deputy finds himself opposed by the same deputy of a deputy, the latter on this occasion claiming to be authorized not only by his original deputizer but also by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar and other persons, but showing no commission. The second intrusion, if intrusion it was, is likewise repelled. Then the County Deputy, claiming to be the only person present lawfully authorized to act, determines, after conference with members of the order in that neighborhood, not then to institute a Lodge, as there were only ten names to begin with, and it was believed that a Lodge beginning so feeble, in a community so apathetic, would soon go down and the cause be injured. But this Lodge has information that the above referred to intruder, if intruder he was, thereafter met these ten recent initiates in a county other than that of their residence and other than that in which they are to operate and organized them into a Lodge. The judgment of the Grand Lodge thereon is asked. The new initiates, it should be stated, were initiated into, and made members of, the Lodge in the county not of their residence because more accessible to them than the other, and it was understood and agreed that as soon as their number should be so increased as to make it

advisable they might withdraw from the said Lodge, form a new Lodge and have their own initiation fees turned over to them.

The committee answer, they can.

The answer was adopted.

The committee also recommend that County Deputies should work together, and assist each other in every way to build up the order in their localities, and should not intrude or go outside their jurisdictions without instructions from the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

The report of the committee was then considered as a whole.

Bro. H. T. Jordan addressed the Lodge.

Bro. S. D. Booth made an explanation.

Pending the consideration of the report the hour for the special order arrived, and it was taken up, being the report of the Committee on State of the Order.

The first resolution and recommendation of the committee were again read, as follows:

That, looking to the carrying out of the within proposed plan, the office of State Lecturer be, and is hereby abolished.

The committee recommend its adoption.

The question being upon the amendment of Bro. J. K. Wheeler to the substitute of Bro. A. D. Cohen, Bro. Booth moved to strike out both resolution and amendment.

The motion to strike out prevailed.

Bro. Cohen then moved the following:

That the Executive Committee be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of employing a State Lecturer and make such arrangements as they may deem best for the good of the order.

Bro. J. K. Wheeler offered as a substitute the following:

That the Executive Committee be instructed to put no Lecturer in the field during the year.

The substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee was then adopted as amended as a whole.

The following report of the Committee on *Spirit of the Age* was then taken up:

The Committee on the "Spirit of the Age" report:

1. We consider the necessity for such an organ vital, and an organ indispensable.

2. We advise that the Grand Lodge own the paper.

3. We advise that it be controlled by the Executive Committee.

4. We advise a per capita tax of five cents per annum to create a foundation.

5. We advise a free issue of five copies to each Lodge and five additional for every hundred members of each Lodge beyond ten.

6. We advise the purchase of the name, subscription list, good will, &c., of the *Spirit of the Age*, or the establishment of a new paper, as this Grand Lodge shall deem best.

H. T. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

A discussion of the subject ensued between Bro. W. S. Parker, Sister Oaksmith, Bros. N. B. Broughton and C. E. Myrick.

A motion to postpone the further consideration of the report was lost.

The report of the committee was not adopted.

A resolution offered by Bro. E. C. Cuthbert, relating to the Lecture Tax was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Constitution, relating to the questions from Person Lodge, was taken up, the question being upon the adoption of the report as a whole.

Bro. H. T. Jordan resumed his remarks and offered the following as a substitute for the report of the committee:

1st. A Deputy's commission is vacated by limitation, resignation, revocation or withdrawal, or dismissal from the order, and in no other way. Therefore the first four questions in said paper are to be answered negatively.

2d. The Grand Worthy Chief Templar cannot orally commission a Deputy to institute a new Lodge.

3d. The Grand Worthy Chief Templar cannot divide his power to commission. It is a sole indivisable executive power. He can only divide his

power to act: and that he does by commissioning. Dividing his authority to commission would be delegating power to be re-delegated.

4th. The acts of the District Deputy and of his deputy, recited in said paper, were illegal in the first instance. In the second instance the acts of the Deputy for Granville County were both illegal and violative of the comity and good fellowship of the brotherhood of the order.

5th. The attempted institution of the said new Lodge was unlawful and void.

The substitute was lost.

The report of the Committee as a whole was then adopted.

A resolution offered by Bro. J. K. Wheeler to constitute the Junior P. G. W. C. T. a member of the Executive Committee was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

On motion, it was resolved that no public meeting be held to-night on account of the heavy rain, but that a night session be held.

The Committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred by Bro. F. M. Keith made the following report:

RALEIGH, N. C. AUG. 9TH, 1876.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina I. O. G. T.:

We your committee appointed to investigate charges against Bro. Sam'l J. Fall, beg leave to report:

That we have made a close and impartial investigation, not only as to the defalcation set forth in the charges, but also as to certain alleged agreements on the part of the Finance Committee to recommend the Grand Lodge to make an appropriation to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Grand Worthy Secretary and Grand Lecturer, in order that said defalcation be covered up, and Bro. Fall thereby relieved by said extra appropriation.

We your committee find that the statements made by Bro. N. B. Broughton, our G. W. C. T., before this Grand Lodge this morning, are verified by all the witnesses.

As to any collusion there is not a particle of evidence to sustain the allegation.

We your committee, therefore, feel called upon to state that our investigations have obliterated the last particle of doubt in our minds as to any criminality or improper intentions on the part of Bro. Fall, and we unhesitatingly endorse him as worthy of the confidence imposed in him by this Grand Lodge, and endorse him as a worthy Good Templar.

(Signed,) MOSES GILLAM,
T. C. WILLIAMS,
W. J. LAWRENCE.

Upon the adoption of the report the previous question was called and sustained.

The main question was then put and the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The committee on Gov. Brogden's address reported, furnishing a copy of the same. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Finance Committee on that part of the R. W. G. L. Representative's report, relating to the promise to pay one hundred dollars towards sending the R. W. G. Templar and others to England to look after the interests of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, recommending the payment of the same, was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee on the resolution to abolish the Lecture Tax, recommending its abolishment, was adopted.

The Committee on State of the Order then made the following report:

We your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report upon the suggestions of G. W. C. Templar, as follows:

1st. *District Conventions.* That we think the ground fully occupied in the resolutions previously recommended by Bro. Wheeler.

The above section was adopted.

2. We recommend that County Conventions be organized, and that officers be elected to hold office for one year.

The above section was adopted.

The third section was stricken out.

4. As to Juvenile Temples, we have no definite action to recommend.

On motion, Bro. S. Starr was appointed to suggest some method for organizing the children, and the section was stricken out.

ON G. W. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. *Degrees.* We recommend to the Grand Lodge to recommend to the County Lodges that they form themselves into one or more Degree Temples.

The above was adopted.

The second section was stricken out.

3. We approve the action of the G. W. Secretary in providing a Summary of Lodges.

The third section was adopted.

The report as a whole as amended was adopted.

A motion that to-night at 8½ o'clock be set apart for the installation of officers was adopted

A motion that Dr. Pritchard be requested to install the officers to-night was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned till 8 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION—8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T.

A motion to postpone the installation of officers till 10 A. M. to-morrow was lost.

A motion was then made to postpone till 9 P. M., upon which the yeas and nays were demanded and called, resulting yeas 12, nays 49.

The bonds of the Grand Worthy Treasurer and Grand Worthy Secretary, in the sum of three thousand dollars each, were then read and accepted.

The hour for the installation of officers having arrived, the following were conducted to the centre of the hall and arranged in due form by the Grand Worthy Marshal, the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Thos. Hampson, calling the roll:

G. W. C. T.—Theo. N. Ramsay, Hickman, No. 1, Raleigh.
G. W. C.—Moses Gillam, Tallulah, No. 231, Windsor.
G. W. V. T.—Iola H. Bledsoe, Mt. Pleasant, No. 225, New Light.
G. W. Sec.—Sam'l J. Fall, Hickman, No. 1, Raleigh.
G. W. Treas.—Virginius Ballard, Hickman, No. 1, Raleigh.
G. W. Chap.—Rev. A. D. Cohen, Rising Star, No. 180, Edenton.
G. W. M —J. H. Cordon, Pamplico, No. 51, Washington.
G. W. D. M.—Ida Barringer, Mallard Creek, No. 7, Query's.
G. W. I. G.—J. W. Roberts, Alamance No. 6, Company Shops.
G. W. O. G.—J. D. Burch, Wilmington, No. 64.
G. A. Sec.—Glorinah Smith, Athens No. 26, Newbern.
G. Mess.—Z. W. Lyon, Centre Grove, No. 291, Berea.

The installation of the above was conducted by the P. G. W. C. T., N. B. Broughton, with appropriate ceremonies.

Bros. Ramsay, Gillam, Sister Bledsoe, Bros. Cohen, Fall, Ballard and Cordon, being called upon, submitted remarks.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. H. T. Jordan, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That upon the retiring from the office of G. W. V. T. of this Grand Lodge of our noble Sister, Elizabeth Oaksmith, we desire to tender her our especial assurance of esteem and veneration and our cordial wishes for her happiness in all her coming life.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. Z. T. Broughton:

Resolved, That the Grand Worthy Secretary be, and is hereby required, to publish all quarterly circulars, acknowledgements for receipt of Grand Lodge tax, and all other official matter possible through the columns of the "*Spirit of the Age*," and that the publisher of the *Age* be required to send a copy of the paper to each Lodge Deputy under this jurisdiction annually, for the use of his Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge agrees to pay for such papers and advertising the sum of five hundred dollars, ($500) to be paid in quarterly installments in advance.

Resolved, That all matter thus published shall be considered official and so received by all Lodges and officers under this jurisdiction, and they be required to have them read in open Lodge and to keep the paper filed in the Lodge Room.

Bro. E. C. Cuthbert rose to a point of order, stating that the subject of the *Spirit of the Age* had been reported on by the committee, and their report was tabled; that therefore no subject connected therewith could be entertained at this session.

The G. W. C. T., Bro. Ramsay, decided the point well taken and the resolutions not in order.

Bro. Cuthbert offered a resolution against reconsidering any action already taken relative to the salaries of officers. Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. R. H. Towles moved that the salary of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar for the next year be $800.

The G. W. C. T., Bro. Ramsay, called the G. W. C., Bro. Gilliam, to the chair.

The question being upon Bro. Towles' motion, Bro. Cuthbert raised a point of order, that the subject having already been passed upon could not again be considered.

The chair decided the point not well taken, and the motion of Bro. Towles in order.

Bro. Cuthbert appealed from the decision of the chair.

The yeas and nays were demanded and called, resulting yeas 47; nays 27.

Bro. Towles then moved to reconsider the vote by which the salary of the G. W. C. T. was fixed.

A motion to lay this motion on the table was carried and it was tabled.

The following resolutions offered by Bro. W. J. Edwards, were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge in recommending County Lodges, does so believing them calculated to advance the order: therefore be it

Resolved, That membership in these lodges be as follows: Four delegates for every one hundred members or fraction thereof. Also, all acting and Past Worthy Chief Templars, Worthy Vice Templars and Lodge Deputies.

Resolved, That we recommend that each County Lodge be requested to make an earnest effort to spread the order in their jurisdiction in visiting and organizing new lodges.

Resolved, That County Lodges shall be competent to confer the degrees at their meetings, upon presentation of proper certificates of election.

A resolution offered by Bro. J. H. Cordon, respecting back pay to Bro. T. N. Ramsay, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. C. B. Edwards as entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree. The report was received and Bro. S. D. Booth directed to confer the degree on the brother.

The selection of a place of meeting for the next annual session being in order, several places were put in nomination, but upon motion the selection of a place was left with the Executive Committee.

The following resolutions offered by Bro. W. S. Whidbee were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Hickman and Bethel Lodges, and to the citizens of the city of Raleigh, for their very generous and liberal hospitality in providing homes for our representatives and visitors, and for the admirable manner in which they have entertained us ; also, to the Committee of Arrangements, to the choir and the keeper of the capitol.

2d. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to the various Railroad and Steamboat companies for reduction of fare to our Representatives.

Sister E. C. Beckwith tendered to Bro. Ramsay, G. W. C. T., his board whilst in the city during the year.

On motion of Bro. Bowman the thanks of the Grand Lodge are tendered to the sister for the kindness manifested in the above offer.

The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Bro. W. G. Matton offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are heartily tendered to the retiring officers for their valuable services during the past year.

Bro. Fishblate asked, if members are two quarters in arrears for dues, if the Subordinate Lodges have to pay dues on them to Grand Lodge?

The question was answered in the affirmative.

Bro. J. M. White asked a question relating to the reinstatement of suspended members, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

On motion the subject of Juvenile Temples was referred to a committee of five sisters.

The chair appointed Sisters E. Oaksmith, Blanche Fentress, Olivia B. Starr, Hattie P. Russell and Jennie Albright.

The following offered by Bro. S. D. Booth was adopted.

That the G. W. C. T. and G. W. Sec. are hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the sum of fifty dollars for each one of our R. W. G. L. Representatives elect, towards defraying their expenses to and from that body.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9½ A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T.

Prayer by Rev. W. B. Harrell.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported, recommending the following resolution introduced by Bro. J. H. Cordon:

Resolved, That Theo. N. Ramsay be paid one hundred and fifty dollars, amount paid by him for expenses as Lecturer during the past year, under the resolution adopted at Fayetteville session.

The report was adopted.

They also reported on the following offered by Bro. J. M. White:

Resolved, That there be an additional tax of 2½ cents assessed upon each member of Subordinate Lodges, quarterly, which amount shall be held by the Grand Worthy Secretary, to be applied to paying the expenses of delegates to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee recommend that the words "Grand Worthy Secretary" be stricken out, and "Treasurer of Subordinate Lodge" substituted, and that thus amended it be adopted.

On motion it was laid on the table.

The Committee on Memorials reported on the following:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a member of the order employed as a salesman in a drug store, cannot sell spirituous liquors except on a physicians prescription, and that a violation of this resolution shall be considered a violation of Article II.

The Committee report as follows:

It is their opinion that any person or persons selling spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, except upon a physicians' prescription, violates their obligation.

After discussion, it was moved to strike out the words "except upon a physicians' prescription," and insert "as a beverage."

On motion of Bro. S. D. Booth, the whole matter was laid on the table.

The Committee on State of the Order reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution offered by Bro. J. K. Wheeler:

Resolved, That the Junior Past G. W. C. Templar is hereby constituted a member of the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge.

The report was adopted.

They also reported on the following resolution offered by Bro. W. S Moore:

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina I. O. G. T.:

BRETHREN—The Good Templars of Greensboro', seeing the grand results of the Local Option election in the two Townships of which Greensboro' is composed (on the 1st of May, 1876,) would be recreant to their sacred trust were they to withhold from this body such information; therefore

Resolved, That we deem it highly important that this Worthy Grand Lodge take into serious consideration the act of the Legislature in providing such a help to the Temperance cause, and that it should foster and encourage all such acts, and at the next approaching May election take such steps as that the whole State, and every township in it, shall take advantage of all means in our power to drive whisky and dram-shops from the whole Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MOORE,
In behalf of Greensboro' Lodge, No. 7.

The committee recommend that this Grand Lodge congratulates the Good Templars of Greensboro' and vicinity on their success in securing the adoption of the Local Option law, and we highly recommend their course to others.

After a brief history of the mode of action adopted at Greensboro' at the election, and statements as to its successful operation, by Bro. W. S. Moore,

The report was adopted.

The committee also reported on the following offered by Sister Oaksmith :

Resolved, That as a means of rendering the co-operation of women more effective, and as a means of more thoroughly educating her in the high duties she assumes when she becomes a Good Templar, that women be put upon committees whenever it is practicable to do so.

The committee endorse the opinion of the resolution and beg to call the attention of the G. W. C. T. to the suggestion.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported on the following offered by Bro. E. C. Cuthbert, recommending that it be not adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not reconsider any of its actions done whilst its attendance was full, as to pay of officers.

On motion, it was laid upon the table.

The Committee also reported on the following, offered by Bro. P. W. Wheeler, recommending its adoption :

WHEREAS, We deem it necessary that the revenues of this Grand Lodge be increased in every lawful manner: therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sum of fifty cents be paid by every member receiving the Grand Lodge Degree at any subsequent session.

Upon motion it was laid upon the table.

The Committee also reported upon the following, offered by Bro. E. C. Cuthbert :

Resolved, That the salary of the G. W. Secretary shall be six hundred dollars, and he shall receive no allowance for office-rent, fuel and gas.

Resolved, That the G. W. Treasurer shall receive as commission one per cent. for services.

The Committee recommend that the first resolution be so amended as to read "nine hundred dollars" instead of "six," and that the second be so amended as to read "five per cent."

The report was considered separately.

On the first resolution Bro. A. W. Edwards moved to strike out "nine" and insert "five."

On discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted unanimously.

On the second resolution Bro. H. T. Jordan moved to strike out the words "five per cent." and insert "no."

On motion the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Memorials and Appeals, to whom was referred a petition from Eastern Star Fountain, No. 2, U. O. T. R., Beaufort, N. C., recommended that the memorial be submitted to the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge for such action in the premises as their wisdom and prudence shall suggest.

On motion, the memorial was read.

Bro. A. D. Cohen moved the adoption of the report, and upon that called the previous question. The call was sustained and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution reported on the following questions submitted by Bro. J. M. White:

I. If a member has been suspended twelve months, and comes back to the Lodge, how many quarter's dues should he be required to pay?

II. Would it be a violation of the Constitution for the Lodge to receive such a member back, (he being clear from all charges,) by his paying the amount of Initiatory Fee?

The Committee answer that it is the privilege of Subordinate Lodges to legislate on rules of suspension themselves.

The answer of the Committee was adopted.

They also reported on the following asked by Bro. J. C. Ellington:

QUESTION—Does a member who sells the fruit of his orchard, knowing that it is to be converted into cider, but not knowing for what purpose, violate his obligation?

The Committee answer, No.

The answer was adopted.

The Committee also reported upon the following question referred to them:

QUESTION—Does a member of the order, who is the editor of a political

or other newspaper, violate his obligation by inserting the advertisement of a liquor seller?

The Committee answer: Refer to Chase's Digest, p. 330, sec. 157:

We deem it a violation of the principles of our Order to patronize secular newspapers unfriendly to our cause, or religious periodicals that admit liquor advertisements. R. W. G. L., 13th session.

We recommend the adoption of the same.

After discussion by Bros. Ellington, Gillam, Cohen, Stanly, Kitchen and Broughton,

On motion the matter was recommitted to the committee.

A resolution offered by Bro. S. D. Booth, respecting pay to Janitor, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Bro. N. B. Broughton announced that a co-partnership had been formed by Bro. W. C. Bowman and the publisher of the *Spirit of the Age,* by which arrangement Bro. Bowman would be the Editor and would travel and visit Lodges in the interests of an organ of the order to be entitled the North Carolina Good Templar, the price of which would be $2, and that present subscribers to the *Age* would be credited with the value of their unexpired subscription on the books of the new paper.

The announcement was received with great applause.

Delegates were then asked to aid the movement by subscribing themselves and pledging for others. The following were taken:

C. E. Myrick, Murfreesboro,	11	Miss Iola H. Bledsoe, New Light,	5
W. J. Stanly, Whiteville,	5	P. W. Wheeler, Beaufort,	1
J. H. Meadows, Berea,	5	J. mcKeown, Midway,	5
G. W. Wynne, Raleigh,	5	J. W. Hodges, Clayton,	2
St. Mary's Lodge, near Raleigh,	5	J. F. Newsome, Winton,	5
W. G. Matton, High Point,	5	W. S. Davis, Warrenton,	5
J. G. Smith, Goldsboro,	5	J. M. White, Rosedale,	5
J. A. Waller, Knap of Reeds,	5	J. L. Lawrence, Elizabeth City,	5
S. D. Booth, Knap of Reeds,	5	D. A. Jordan, Jackson,	5
S. A. Fishblate, Trinity,	5	W. P. Craven, Hopewell,	5

A. R. Slaughter, Berea,	5
Z. W. Lyon, Centre Grove,	1
J. B. Morris, Durham,	10
E. L. Becton, Freemont,	5
F. S. Watkins, Neuse,	4
W. G. Whitmore, Scotland Neck,	5
J. E. Timberlake, Youngsville,	5
J. A. Webb, Tally Ho,	5
J. A. Roberts, Gatesville,	6
W. J. Lawrence, Tarboro,	5
Mt. Tabor, (Dr. S. D. Booth,)	5
A. W. Edwards, Newbern,	5
R. H. Towles, (Bethel) Raleigh,	5
W. S. Moore, Greensboro,	5
W. H. Kitchen, Scotland Neck,	5
W. E. Thompson, Thomasville,	1
W. S. Whidbee, Hertford,	5
P. T. Hicks, Jackson,	1
J. A. Pierce, Pelham,	1
B. H. Hearne, Falkland,	1
Unity Lodge, (Dr. W. P. Craven)	5
B. F. Briggs, Wilson,	5
Jas. Gibbons, Roxboro,	5
M. W. Caldwell, Query's	5
H. G. Sawyer, Grantsboro,	5
J. C. Lindley, Greensboro,	5
T. L. Carmichael, Franklinton,	1

The G. W. C. T., Bro. T. N. Ramsay, announced that he would give $50 to the Orphan Asylum out of the sum voted him this morning.

Bro. E. C. Cuthbert moved that a warrant be drawn in favor of T. N. Ramsay for an additional $75.

A motion to suspend the rules prevailed, and Bro. Cuthbert's motion was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

Afternoon Session—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T.

The Finance Committee reported upon the following, recommending its adoption :

That a warrant be drawn for $12 in favor of the Janitor and to the Keeper of the Capital the amount of bill for gas used during the session.

The recommendation was adopted.

Bro. W. J. Stanly offered the following resolution, which was considered under a suspension of the rules :

Resolved, That the Grand Worthy Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to each of the Past Grand Officers, who have attended this

session, the amount of actual traveling expenses incurred to and from this Grand Lodge.

After some discussion, on motion the resolution was laid upon the table.

A resolution offered by Bro. N. B. Broughton that the time of the sessions of this Grand Lodge be changed to the fourth Tuesday in September was, after discussion, withdrawn.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to Mr. Jas. H. Enniss for his present of 200 Turner's Almanacs.

Bro. N. B. Broughton offered the following:

WAEREAS, It being impossible to comply with the terms of the Grand Lodge Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 1, that "The regular election of Representatives shall be held at the first regular meeting in the qunrter during which the annual session of the Grand Lodge is held." Inasmuch as a large number of the Lodges in this jurisdiction will have held no meeting in the quarter, previous to the session of the Grand Lodge; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the time of election of Representatives to this Grand Lodge shall be at the first meeting of the Subordinate Lodge in the month of July.

The resolution was adopted.

The following offered by Bro. J. K. Wheeler was adopted:

That the addresses of Rev. W. C. Norman and Bro. W. C. Bowman, delivered on the first day of the session, be printed with the Governor's.

The resolutions offered by Bro. F. M. Keith, relating to the abolishing of the degrees as a qualification for office, being called up, were on motion laid upon the table.

The committee of sisters, to whom was referred the subject of Juvenile Temples for the children, reported as follows:

The Committee having examined the obligation for Juvenile Templars,

and finding the same unsuited to our people, beg leave to recommend and urge upon the Grand Lodge the appointment of a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare a suitable Ritual, Constitution, &c., for the children, under the name of the PIONEER TEMPLARS OF NORTH CAROLINA. That said committee, as early as practicable, report their work to the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge for their adoption.

ELIZABETH OAKSMITH,
MARY E. ALBRIGHT,
BLANCHE FENTRESS,
HATTIE P. RUSSELL,
OLIVIA B. STARR.

The report was adopted.

Bro. W. J. Edwards then moved that Sister Elizabeth Oakesmith, Bros. P. W. Wheeler and W. L. Arendell be constituted the Special Committee as contemplated in the report just adopted. Carried.

Bro. S. D. Booth offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved That Bro. N. B. Broughton, P. G. W. C. T., be authorized and requested to compile a Digest of the decisions of this Grand Lodge and of its chief executives since its organization.

The Grand Worthy Chief Templar then announced the following standing committees:

Memorials and Appeals.—Rev. A. D. Cohen, P. W. Wheeler, W. H. Ellis, J. W. Roberts, E. C. Cuthbert.

Finance.—J. H. Cordon, W. S. Moore, W. J. Stanley, J. D. Burch, R. W. Belo.

Credentials—Grand W. Sec., *ex-officio*, C. B. Green, Dr. W. J. Lawrence, Rev. W. G. Matton, J. C. Ellington.

State of the Order.—W. C. Bowman, T. C. Williams, B. F. Briggs, E. Oaksmith, Rev. W. B. Harrell.

Constitution.—H. T. Jordan, R. A. Grier, C. E. Myrick, J. A. Pierce, Dr. J. H. Jenkins.

Music.—Miss Blance Fentress, Mrs. Mary E. B. Fall, Mrs. Emma Pegram.

On motion of Bro. Moses Gillam the reading of the minutes of to-day's session was dispensed with and the Executive Committee directed to verify the same.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in due form, to meet at a place to be decided upon by the Executive Committee, on the second Tuesday in August, 1877.

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of North Carolina, held at Raleigh on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th days of August, 1876.

Saml. F. Fall.

G. W. Sec.

On motion of Bro. Morris Gillman the reading of the minutes of today's session was dispensed with and the Executive Committee directed to verify the same.

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A true copy of the Proceedings of the 27th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Daughters of Norah Rollins, held at Raleigh on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th days of August, 1876.

GRAND LODGE OF GOOD TEMPLARS OF NEW JERSEY

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE I. O. G. T. OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE THREE QUARTERS OF THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1876.

No. of Lodge.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Night of Meeting.	No. Members Last Report.	No. Admitted.				No. Lost.						Full Degree Members.	Number in Good Standing.	Total Amou't		REMARKS.
						Initiated.	By Card.	Restored.	Total Admitted.	By Card.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Total Lost.			Degrees, Lecture F'd and per capita tax.		
1	Hickman	Raleigh	Wake	Tu.	164	98	14	...	276	7	12	25	6	..	50	65	226	74	00	
3	Atlantic	Beaufort	Carteret	Mo.	150	45	2	7	204	..	7	36	14	1	58	60	146	49	55	
4	Durham		Orange	Mo.	151	69	2	...	222	..	13	42	6	1	62	28	160	49	50	
5	Young Man's Hope	Hillsboro	Orange	Mo.	52	4	4	1	61	4	..	2	..	1	7	25	54	15	20	
6	Alamance	Company Shops	Alamance	Sa.	118	28	4	11	161	6	7	30	7	.	50	45	111	41	70	
7	Greensboro		Guilford	Mo	184	40	1	1	226	31	28	76	6	..	141	..	85	40	90	
8	National	Salisbury	Rowan	Th.	20	4	1	2	27	..	2	3	1	..	6	3	21	7	30	
9	Charlotte		Mecklenburg	Th.	....	36	...	...	36	..	...	...	..	..	....	....	36	.....		
10	Carolina	Concord	Cabarrus	Th.	71	25	2	1	99	..	17	34	7	1	59	15	40	11	55	
11	Thomasville		Davidson	Th.	98	26	4	2	130	5	7	34	7	1	54	29	76	28	90	
12	Oxford		Granville	Fr.		20	...	...	20	..	...	...	..	..	....	....	20	.....		
13	Vistula	Pope's Chapel	Franklin	Sa.	....	13	..	...	13	..	...	...	..	..	....	..	13	....		
14	Lucille	Louisburg	"	Mo	50	29	...	2	81	..	10	...	3	..	13	25	68	5	50	No report for May quarter
15	Vigilant	Franklinton	"	Fr.	36	15	...	...	5	..	...	...	3	..	3	20	48	15	30	
16	Ramsay	Goldsboro	Wayne	Fr.	22	5	3	...	30	..	1	6	2	..	9	16	21	6	35	
17	Mutual Help	Smithfield	Johnston	..	..	18	...	...	18	..	18	...	..	..	18	..	....	..	....	Charter forfeited.
18	Eastern Star	Rosedale	Pasquotank	Sa.	90	23	...	2	115	1	3	35	4	..	43	25	72	30	40	
19	Hope	Sawyer's Creek	Camden	Sa.	69	26	...	...	95	.	...	1	5	..	6	35	89	29	30	
20	Eddystone	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	Fr.	....	40	...	...	40	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	40	4	00	
21	Rolesville		Wake	Sa.	72	4	2	...	88	17	1	10	..	..	28	36	60	24	45	
22	Wake Forest Col'ge		"	Sa.	74	17	3	...	94	2	3	20	3	..	28	35	66	23	45	
23	Graham		Alamance	Fr.	110	43	...	13	166	5	3	21	1	..	30	56	136	46	50	
24	Pleasant	High Point	Guilford	Fr	51	11	...	4	66	8	13	...	3	.	24	29	42	15	75	
25	Refuge	Fayetteville	Cumberland	Mo.	41	158	...	1	200	1	5	140	3	2	11	30	49	6	30	No report for Nov. & Feb
26	Athens	Newbern	Craven	Tu.	130	33	1	..	164	3	14	43	..	.	60	65	104	39	80	
27	Carswell	Wilson	Wilson	Th.	49	35	1	14	99	..	4	....	4	.	8	17	91	28	00	
28	Advance	Tarboro	Edgecombe	We.	39	8	1	...	48	2	4	8	4	..	18	20	30	12	45	
29	Star of the West	Statesville	Iredell	..	45	..	..	...	45	5	40	....	..	..	45	....	...	..	....	Charter surrendered.
30	Piedmont	Hickory	Catawba	Th.	54	11	1	4	70	.	2	8	7	..	17	17	53	15	80	
31	Stonewall	Morganton	Burke	....		19	...	..	19	..	...	...	...	..	....	...	19	..	.	
32	Hickman	Lexington	Davidson	..	68	..	..	...	68	..	68		..	..	68	....	....	.....		Charter forfeited.
33	Clayton		Johnson	Tu.	150	66	1	11	228	13	1	52	16	3	85	63	143	56	90	

34	Gibsonville		Guilford	Fr.		29			29								29	2 90	
35	Lrurinburg		Richmond	Fr.	39	28	2		69		2	5	3		10	15	59	13 70	
37	Roanoke	Palmyra	Halifax	We.	47	2	2		51		3	9	3		15	92	36	20 90	
38	Knap of Reeds		Granville	Sa.	85	5		3	93	2		35	3		40	44	53	21 55	
39	Victoria.	Henderson	"		25				25								25	2 50	No report 2 qnarters.
40	Magnolia		Duplin		39				39		39				39				Charter surrendered.
41	Good Shepherd	Ashboro	Randolph	Mo.	47	15	1		63		7	3	3		13	24	50	15 85	
42	Randolph	New Salem	"		35				35			10			10		25	2 50	No report 2 quarters.
43	Woodville	Toisnot	Wilson	Fr.	26	13			39	1	3	1	2		7		32	11 20	
45	Franklinsville		Randolph		19				19		19				19				Charter forfeited.
46	Quankey	Halifax	Halifax		15				15		15				15			1 20	Charter surrendered.
47	New Eland	Near Merry Oaks	Chatham	Sa.		43			43								43	4 30	
48	Steel Creek		Mecklenburg	Fr.	56	5	2		63	1	2	4			7	31	56	14 60	
49	Madison		Rockingham	Mo.	15	4		2	21							5	21	2 10	No report 2 quarters.
51	Pamlico	Washington	Beaufort	Mo.	113	12		4	129			93	1		94	20	35	3 50	Suspended for 9 months.
53	Excelsior	Scotland Neck	Halifax	Th.	32	52		6	90	1	1				2		88	25 15	
54	Forlorn Hope	Tally Ho!	Granville	Sa.	33	1	2	5	41	2		4			6	23	35	12 15	
55	Pamlico	Bay River	Pamlico	Sa.	44	16	11	2	73	2	4	12	2	1	21	40	52	17 25	
56	Harmony	Grantsboro	"	Sa.	34	2			36	1		8			9	26	27	8 65	
57	Tar River	Rocky Mount	Nash	Tu.	45	21	3		69	1	20	4	7		32	13	37	11 90	
58	Trinity		Randolph	Mo.	87	34	4	2	127	1	19	46		1	67	31	6	18 60	
59	McLeansville		Guilford		35				35		35				35				Charter forfeited.
60	Blue Ridge	Marion	McDowell		13				13		13				13				Charter surrendered.
62	Kernersville		Forsythe		32				32		32				32				Charter forfeited.
63	Mitchell	Chapel Hill	Orange	Fr.	72	11			83		6	20			26	24	57	15 30	
64	Wilmington			Mo.	45				45								45	3 80	No report.
65	Mt Bethel		Orange	Sa.	30	2			32	2					2	12	30	3 20	No report for 2 quarters.
66	Winston	Salem	Forsythe	Th.	69	29	2	4	105	4	16	17	5	1	43	20	62	26 15	
67	Buffalo Creek	Near Concord	Cabarrus	Sa.	31				31			14			14	8	17	1 70	
71	Montague	Fulton	Davie	Sa.	7				7								7	1 05	No report for 2 qurrters
72	Smith Grove		"	Sa.	18				18		18				18				Charter forfeited.
73	Cold Water	Farmington	"		80	6	2	3	91		2	9	3	1	15	20	76	27 10	
74	Centre		"		15				15		15				15				Charter forfeited.
75	Mallard Creek	Query's	Mecklenburg	Sa	58	11	1		70		3	21			24		46	12 20	
76	Go Ahead	Apex	Wake	Fr.		13			13								13		
77	Bethel	Raleigh	"	Mo	51	26	4	6	87	5	3	27	5	1	41	16	46	14 55	
78	Lumberton		Robeson	Mo	45	25			70		3	10	1		14	12	56	14 70	
79	Mt. Tabor	Flat River	Orange	Sa.	50	9	2		61			4	2		6	25	55	19 90	
82	Pacific	Lilesville	Anson		23				23		23				23				Charter surrendered.
84	Goshen	Faison	Duplin		29				29		29				29			1 80	Charter forfeited.
85	Martin Star	William's Chapel	Martin	Fr.	40	5		2	47		8	3	3	2	16		31	7 45	No report for May.
86	Nil Desperandum	Woodville	Bertie	Sa.	18	1			19		1	1	6		8	11	11	4 25	
87	Pleasant Garden	Near Greensboro	Guilford	Sa.	35	3	1	2	41	3	8				11		30	8 00	No report for May.
88	Elm Grove	Saxapahaw	Alamance	Sa.	35				35		23	12			35			2 30	Charter surrendered.
89	Unity	Trinity Church	Mecklenburg	Th.	49	23	7	2	81			15	10		25	24	56	22 95	

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90	Snow Hill	Sharon	Mecklenburg	Sa.	52	10	1	...	63	..	4	2	1	1	8	...	55	18 85	
91	Jamestown	...	Guilford	Sa.	26	10	...	...	36	1	5	6	5	..	17	12	19	8 20	
92	Clinton	...	Sampson	Fr.	117	16	...	4	137	5	4	57	14	..	79	40	58	25 05	
93	Sampson	...	"	..	11	...	...	...	11	..	11	...	..	..	11	...	...	...	Charter surrendered.
94	Harrell's Store	...	"	Sa.	39	18	...	...	57	1	...	10	4	..	15	...	42	16 60	
95	Rock Spring	Berea	Granville	Sa.	18	31	1	3	53	5	...	1	.	..	6	..	47	9 35	
96	Reidsville	...	Rockingham	Th.	25	...	...	...	25	..	...	11	..	..	11	...	14	1 40	Suspended and restored.
97	Golden	Leaksville	"	Sa.	50	51	..	1	102	..	...	5	9	..	14	.	88	19 70	
98	Yanceyville	...	Caswell	Fr.	69	8	1	...	78	.	4	26	..	..	30	...	48	9 60	No report for May.
99	Leasburg	...	"	Tu.	45	16	1	6	68	1	2	12	3	..	18	..	50	14 20	
100	Person	Roxboro	Person	Th.	18		7	...	25	..	...	...	..	..	41	7	25	2 80	Suspended and restored.
101	Dawn of Hope	Milton	Caswell	We.	60	6	...	...	66	..	11	26	4	..	17	..	25	16 10	
102	Pelham	...	"	Sa.	36	12	..	...	48	..	...	17	..	..	...	...	31	7 80	
103	Pea Ridge	Hester's Store	"	Sa.	...	20	...	...	20	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	20	...	
104	Hopewell	...	Mecklenburg	Sa.	45	12	...	...	57	2	...	13	1	..	16	8	41	13 50	
105	Mebaneville	...	Alamance	Sa.	42	8	...	3	53	..	...	18	..	..	18	.	35	6 50	
106	Stagville	...	Orange	Sa.	82	1	...	3	86	8	2	26	4	..	40	36	46	19 10	
107	Hawfield	...	Alamance	...	17	...	...	...	17	1	16	...	..	..	17	...	.	...	Charter surrendered.
108	Aurora	Warrenton	Warren	Tu.	50	12	...	1	63	..	2	11	7	1	21	20	42	16 10	
110	Jericho	Near Greenville	Pitt	Sa.	...	25	...	...	25	1	3	2	.	..	6	17	19	7 65	
111	Freemont	...	Wayne	Fr	32	4	4	2	42	4	2	16	1	..	23	15	19	4 35	No report for May.
112	Silvery Wave	Black Creek	Wilson	Tu.	17	33	3	7	60	7	...	2	11	..	20	21	40	13 00	
113	Mother's Hope	Sandy Creek	Nash	Sa.	20	1	...	...	21	..	...	8	1	..	9	...	12	4 35	
114	Day-Spring	South Creek	Beaufort	Sa.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	
115	Pantego	...	"	Sa.	20	2	...	...	22	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	22	1 60	Suspended and restored.
116	Marion	Abbottsburg	Bladen	..	23	...	...	...	23	..	23	...	.	..	23	...	...	6 00	Charter surrendered.
117	Little River	...	Orange	...	23	...	...	...	23	..	23	...	..	..	23	..	..	...	Charter surrendered.
119	Sunny South	Morehead	Carteret	Th	59	14	1	5	79	..	2	19	1	..	22	25	57	15 90	
120	Providence	Hollywood	"	Sa.	27	5	...	...	32	.	3	...	1	..	...	15	28	8 95	
123	Cold Spring	Asheville	Buncombe	Mo	...	11	...	...	11	..	...	...	..	..	...		11	...	
124	Arcadian	Weaversville	"	Mo	...	40	...	...	40	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	40	...	
125	Jack's Creek	Day Book	Yancey	Sa.	...	20	...	...	20	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	20	...	

126	Hendersonville		Henderson	Tu.	45	11			56	4		29	2	1	36	20	20	10 50	
127	Triumph	Carthage	Moore	Tu.	22	10	2		34			9			9		25	2 50	No report for 2 quarters
128	French Broad	Brevard	Transylvania	Tu.	48	17			65	5	3	6	1		15	14	50	17 30	
129	Naquassa	Franklin	Macon		21				21		21				21				Charter forfeited
130	Ansonville		Anson	Mo.	33				33								33	3 30	No report 2 quarters.
131	Red Hill			We.	14	2			16								16	1 60	No report 2 quarters.
132	Pee Dee	Norwood	Stanly		31				31		31				31				Charter forfeited
133	Skeenah		Macon		25				25		35				25				Charter forfeited.
134	Enola	Webster	Jackson		30				30		30				30				Charter forfeited.
136	Mt. Carmel	Troy	Montgomery	Sa.	41	6			47		2	20			22		25	10 15	
137	Eden	Near Madison	Rockingham	Sa.	22	12		3	37	2		19			21		16	6 85	
138	Tuckasiege	Charleston	Swain		10				10		10				10				Charter forfeited.
139	Robinsville		Graham	Sa.	21	10			31								31	9 00	
140	Valley Town		Cherokee		8				8		8				8				Charter surrendered.
141	Cherokee	Murphy	"	Th.	37	37	1	3	78	1		14	5		20		58	19 95	
145	Hermesian	Marshall	Madison		32				32		32				32				Charter forfeited.
146	Bethany	Midway	Davidson		18				18		18				18				Charter forfeited.
150	Mizpah	Ridgeway	Warren	Tu.	20	6			26			4			5	20	21	9 00	
151	Nebo		Burke		15				15		15				15				Charter surrendered.
152	Piney Forest	Near Madison	Rockingham		13				13		13				13			4 40	Charter surrendered
153	Eno	Near Durham	Orange	Sa.	46	5			51	13	1	8	1		33		18	11 80	
154	Juanita	Near White's Store	Anson	Sa.	23	9	4		36		1	10	4	1	16	20	20	10 95	
155	Polkton		"		7				7		7				7				Charter forfeited.
156	Monroe		Union	Th.	90	66			156	8	25	71	17		121	12	35	24 55	
157	White's Store		Anson		22				22		22				22				Charter forfeited.
158	Friendship		Guilford	We.	17	13			30		2	5			7	6	22	7 75	
159	Evening Star	Bafford's Mills	Wilson	Mo.	21	38	1	5	65	4	18	4	4		30	12	35	11 95	
160	Morning Star	Near Black Creek	"	We	17	11	2	3	33		2	1	4		7	11	26	6 40	
161	Spring Hill	Near Wilson		Sa.		12			12								12		
162	Rainbow	Hamilton	Martin	Mo.	45	17		1	63	3	7	7	3		20		43	17 00	
163	Guiding Star	Roxobel	Bertie	Sa.	48				48			27	3		30	10	18	5 40	No report for May.
164	Dew Drop	Rich Square	Northampton	Sa.	65	24		1	90		1	25	2	1	29	28	61	21 50	
165	Ever Ready	Pitch Landing	Hertford		13				13		13				15				Charter surrendered.
166	Golden Rule	Winton	"	Tu.	26	5			31	1	1	8	1		11	12	20	8 45	
167	Invincible	Murfreesboro	"	Mo.	28	20		1	49	1	3	8			12	15	37	11 60	
168	Safety	Gatesville	Gates	Fr.	50	44			94		3	2	2		7	38	87	30 75	
169	Rose of Valley	Sunbury	"	Sa.	38	39			77		1		1		2	48	75	22 20	
170	Star of Bethlehem	Pikeville	Wayne	Th.	24	26		2	52		1	8	3		12	35	40	13 75	
171	St Mary's		Wake	Sa.	38	37			75	1	6	7	13		27	30	48	20 70	
172	Mt. Airy		Surry	Fr.	62	13			75	9		38	6		53	20	22	15 85	
173	Rockdale		"	Th.	42	28		2	72				3		3	48	69	19 60	
174	Bakersville		Mitchell	Th.	27	24	1		52	15	8		1		24	1	28	11 75	
175	Dobson		Surry	Th.		21	1		22		2				2	19	20	1 00	
176	Dow's Church		Mecklenburg	Sa.	33	32		3	68			7	17		24	8	42	13 70	
177	Utopia	Winfall	Perquimans	Sa.	27	12		1	40		7	6			13	10	27	12 85	

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178	Union	Deep Creek	Anson	Sa.	37				37			25			25		12	6 20	
179	Mineral Springs		Cabarrus		15				15		15				15				Charter surrendered.
180	Rising Star	Edenton	Chowan	Tu.	36	36		7	79	2	7	5	5		19	24	60	21 15	
181	Ark of Safety	Hertford	Perquimans	Fr.	53	29	1		83	5	9	2	2		18	29	65	20 05	
182	Crystal	Woodville	"	We	16				16			5			5	11	11	1 10	Suspended and restored.
183	Parker's	Greenville	Pitt		11				11		11				11				Charter surrendered.
184	Bright Hope	Indian Branch	Edgecombe	Sa.	24	25	1		50		2		1		3		47	11 10	
185	Old Ford		Beaufort		19				19		19				19				Charter forfeited.
186	Warrings		Martin		29				29		29				29				Charter forfeited.
187	Stand'd of Freedom	Littleton	Halifax	Fr.	23	2	1		26		2		5		7		19	2 50	No report 2 quarters.
188	St. Clement	Ringwood	"		17				17		17				17				Charter surrendered.
189	East Fork		Transylvania		25				25		25				25			2 50	Charter surrendered.
190	Earnest	Near Sharon	Mecklenburg	Sa.	58	16			74	2	11	27	4		44		30	13 65	
191	Clear Creek	Fulwood's Store	"	Sa.	56	5			61		3	13	10	1	27		34	10 75	
192	Long Pine		Anson	Sa.	57	11			68	6	1	13	15		35		33	15 00	
193	Edinboro	Near Fulwood's St.	Montgomery	Sa.	22	12			34	1					1		32	7 05	No report for May.
194	Phœnix		Mecklenburg	Sa.	38	6	1		45	2	1	10	4		17		28	8 40	
195	Morrisville		Wake	Th.	10	13	3	3	29	2		3	1	1	7	10	22	6 55	
196	Beautiful Star	Near Winton	Hertford	Sa.		20			20								20		
197	Piney Grove	Near Faison	Sampson	Sa.	15	11	4		30			1			1	24	29	8 75	
198	Lane's Creek		Union																Charter surrendered.
199	Alcyone	Near Beaufort	Carteret	Sa.	54	7		1	62		7	7	2		16		46	15 30	
200	Metropolitan	Newberne	Craven	Mo.	27	24	1		52		3		3		6	22	46	15 45	
201	New Hope	Durant's Neck	Perquimans	Sa.	25	12	2		39	2					2	13	37	7 20	
202	Elizabeth	Near Clayton	Johnston	Sa.	15	17			32		1				1	20	31	9 00	
203	Stanhope Guards	Stanhope	Nash	Sa.	19	10			29	2	8				10		19	8 20	
204	Midway		Granville	Sa.	42	37			79		1				1		78	21 35	
205	Pioneer	Kenansville	Duplin	We.	16				16		16				16				Charter surrendered.
206	Whiteville		Columbus	Fr.	45	3		1	49		13	8			21		28	10 20	
207	Live Oak	Smithville	Brunswick	Tu.	89	22			111			39			39		72	20 75	
208	Waverly	Elizabethtown	Bladen	We.	36	22		1	59	3	7		4		14		45	17 55	
209	Aspen	Lincolnton	Lincoln		30				30		30				30				Charter surrendered.

210	Dallas		Gaston		16				16		16				16						Charter surrendered.
211	Peace and Unity	Wilkesboro	Wilkes		16				16		16				16						Charter surrendered.
212	Broad Creek		Pamlico	Sa.	29	26	1		56				1		1	15	55	13	75		
213	Wayne	Saul's X Roads	Wayne	Sa.	53	39		3	95	3	2	4	26		35	35	60	19	70		
214	Morning Light	New Garden	Guilford	Sa.	18	32	5		55			1			1	9	54	12	95		
215	Star of Peace	Jefferson	Ashe	Sa.	36	18			54	4	10		3	1	18	21	36	14	45		
216	Meckl'b'g Centen'l.		Mecklenburg		26				26		26				26						Charter surrendered.
217	Bethesda	Bethel	Cabarrus		24				24		24				24						Charter forfeited.
218	Moccasin Creek	Riley's X Roads	Wake	Sa.	25	4			29	2	4		4		10	19	19	7	80		
219	Fairmount	Snow Camp	Alamance	Sa.	20	61			81		4	7	6		17	5	64	17	55		
220	East Bethel		Pitt		11				11		11				11			1	30		Charter surrendered
221	Paw Creek		Mecklenburg	Sa.	25	40	2		67				3		3		64	4	40		Feb. report not received.
222	Oak Grove		Franklin	Fr.	25	35	3		63	1	1	7	3		12	49	51	15	70		
223	Catawba Springs	Near Raleigh	Wake	Sa.	24	14			38				1		1	27	37	11	75		
224	Eagle Rock	" "	"	Sa.	21	35	3		59		1	4	4		9	34	50	16	90		
225	Mt. Pleasant	" "	"			26			26								26				
225	Castalia		Nash		22				22		22				22						Charter never worked.
226	Red Oak		Edgecombe	Sa.	26	17	1		44		13		5		18		26	7	70		
227	New Bethel		Granville		17				17		17				17						Charter surrendered.
228	Clementine	Pineville	Mecklenburg	Sa.	18	14			32			4	2		6		26	8	45		
229	Speedwell	Near Clayton	Johnston	Sa.	30	16			46								46	11	35		
230	Fidelity	Greensboro	Guilford	Mo.	22	15	23		60		3				3	24	57	11	20		
231	Tallulah	Windsor	Bertie	Th.	19	48	3		70		3			3	6	38	64	15	65		
232	Edgewood	Moravian Falls	Wilkes	Sa.	41				41			13	3		16		25	7	65		
233	Good Hope	Bell's Ferry	Pitt	Sa.	32				32			2	1		3		29	7	45		
334	Shady Grove	Falkland	"	Sa.		34		1	35	8		2	3		13	14	22	8	30		
235	Berea		Pasquotank	Sa.		24			24			8	2	1	11		13	4	15		
236	Star of Hope	Davidson River	Transylvania	Th.		66			66								66	6	60		No report for May.
237	Rock House	Wentworth	Rockingham	Mo.		30			30	1					1		29	4	35		" " "
238	Emmaws		Johnston	Sa.		13			13								13	1	30		" " "
239	El Dorado		Mecklenburg	Fr.		20			20								20	3	95		
240	Flat Rock	Near Pacific	Franklin	Sa.		65			65		1		1		2	47	63	19	00		
241	Sunbeam	Bennet's X Roads	Sampson	Sa.		39			39				2	1	3	16	36	9	45		
242	Gold Hill		Rowan	Th.		40			40								40	6	40		
243	Mt. Hebron		Orange	Sa.		19			19								19	1	90		
244	Beulah	Buckland	Gates	Sa.		36			36							18	36	2	70		
245	Clarkton		Bladen			22			22							17	22	2	20		
246	Falling Creek		Wayne	Sa.		21			21								21	2	10		
247	Catawba		Catawba	Th.		16			16								16				
248	Ariel	Reynoldson	Gates	Fr.		29			29							5	29	2	90		
249	Byhalia	Near Greenville	Pitt	Fr.		22			22								22	2	20		
250	Caswell	Kinston	Lenoir	Mo.		54			54		1	1	1		3		51	5	10		
251	Cedar Grove	Smith's Creek	Pamlico	Sa.		39			39							13	39	5	20		
252	Pleasant Hall	Near Tarboro	Edgecombe	Sa.		15			15								15				
253	Denver		Lincoln	Sa.		24			24								24				

REPORT OF LODGES—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Night of Meeting.	No. Members Last Report.	No. Admitted.				No. Lost.						Full Degree Members.	Number in Good Standing.	Total Amou't		REMARKS.
						Initiated.	By Card.	Restored.	Total Admitted.	By Card.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Total Lost.			Degrees, Lecture Fd and per capita tax.		
254	Swan Quarter		Hyde	Fr.		36			36								36	3	60	
255	Matamuskeet	Lake Landing	"	Sa.		46			46								46	4	60	
256	Fairfield		"	Sa.		25			25		7				7		18	1	20	
258	Pleasant Grove	Lee's Mills	Washington	Fr.		11			11								11			
259	Rehobeth	Rehobeth Church	"	Th		20			20								20			
260	Sparkling Water	Plymouth	"	Tu.		16			16		2				2		14	1	40	
261	Our Hope	Edenton	Chowan	Sa.		24			24								24	2	40	
262	Minnehaha	Jackson	Washington	Fr.		29			29								29	1	45	
263	Rising Sun	Small's X Roads	Chowan			14			14								14			
264	Anchor	New Hope	Wake	Sa.		11			11								11			
265	Neuse Falls		"	Sa		21			21								21			
266	Wake X Roads		"	Sa.		16			16								16			
267	Great Hope	Near Hertford	Perquimans	Sa.		17			17								17			
268	Never-Fail	Near Hertford	"			23			23								23			
269	Progress	Belvidere	"	Tu.		11			11								11			
270	Hickory Grove	Fish Dam	Orange			17			17								17			
271	Williamston		Martin	We.		16			16								16			
272	Red X Roads		"	Sa		10			10								10			
273	Purity	Near Greensboro	Guilford	Sa.		22			22								22			
274	Summerfield		"	Fr.		21			21								21			
275	Ready Branch	Near Greenville	Pitt	Sa.		14			14								14			
276	Pine Avenue	Alexandriana	Mecklenburg	Sa.		23			23								23			
277	Columbus	Near Whiteville	Columbus			20			20								20			
278	Happy Home		Burke	Tu.		18			18								18			
279	Harrisburg		Cabarrus	Sa		37			37								37			
280	Mt. Moriah		Wake	Sa.		25			25								25			
281	Dayton		"			14			14								14			
282	Union Hill	Leesville	"	Sa.		17			17								17			
283	Life Boat	Lockville	Chatham	Sa.		13			13								13			
285	Centennial	Hank's Chapel	"	Tu.		50			50								50			
286	Haw River	Belle Voir	"	Sa.		10			10								10			
287	Dogwood	Near Whiteville	Columbus	Sa.		15			15								15			

288	Sweet Hope		Northampton	Sa.		44			44									44	
289	Hill's Chapel	Castania Grove	Lincoln	Sa.		14			14									14	
290	Watery Branch	Grist's	Colnmbus	Sa.		15			15									15	
291	Centre Grove		Person	Sa.		13			13									13	
292	Yanceyville		Franklin	Mo.		13			13									13	
293	Pearl of Mountain	Boone	Watauga			15			15									15	

BALANCE SHEET.

DEBIT.

To balance in hand Sept. 1875,		$ 502 41
To cash received to Aug. 1st, 1876:		
Per Capita Tax,	1,954 20	
Lecture Tax and Charter Fees,	423 25	
Degrees,	89 35	
Supplies,	152 59	
		$ 2,619 39
		$ 3,121 80

ASSETS.

Value of stock on hand at cost,	$ 329 76	
Estimated receipts of quarter now due, August 1st,	1,180 00	
		$ 1,509 76

BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.

By cash paid to Treasurer at sundry times as per receipts,.....	$ 3,121 80	
		$ 3,121 80

LIABILITIES.		
R. W. G. Lodge,.....	$ 452 88	
Edwards, Broughton & Co., printing account,. ...	206 00	
John Armstrong, balance of appropriation last G. L.	200 00	
Spirit of Age, balance of advertising account.. ...	15 42	
Theo. N. Ramsay. Lecturer..	83 33	
Samuel J. Fall, G W. Secretary,.....	66 67	
Rent of office 2 months,.....	10 00	
W. P. Williamson, expenses to R. W. G. L.,.....	20 00	
V. Ballard, G. W. Treasurer,.	61 91	
		$ 1,116 21
Asssets over Liabilities,...		293 55
		$ 1,509 76

Opening Ceremonies,

HELD IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8TH, 1876.

ADDRESS OF Gov. BROGDEN.

At a little after 10 o'clock the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, N. B. BROUGHTON, introduced his Excellency, Gov. CURTIS H. BROGDEN, who had been invited to welcome the Grand Lodge to the city. The Governor was received with a round of applause, which he acknowledged by a graceful bow. He said :

Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Members of the
Independent Order of Good Templars of North Carolina:

It affords me much pleasure to offer you a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome to our State capital. You have assembled as friends and brethren in a commendable cause, and I hope you may have a pleasant and harmonious meeting, which may result in general good and redound to the benefit and prosperity of the order.

This Grand Convocation of so many good citizens from different parts of the State is sufficient evidence of the deep and abiding interest they feel in the cultivation and promotion of the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

We are informed by St. Paul that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." And "being justified by faith," we may "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." And it is said "charity shall cover a multitude of sins."

In our journey through this life it is not only our highest duty, but it should be our greatest pleasure, to do good. It will pay far better than any other investment we can make in this world, both in time and in eternity.

We are assured that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and if we sow good seed on good ground we may expect by proper cultivation to reap good harvests. As faithful and industrious husbandmen you are engaged in

"Sowing the seed by the daylight fair,
Sowing the seed by the noonday glare,
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed in the solemn night,
Oh! what shall the harvest be?"

There are thousands and thousands of human beings reckless of their course and on the downward road to ruin, and if you can be instrumental

in restoring any number of these frail and erring wanderers to the paths of rectitude and sobriety, and the position of good citizens, you may enjoy the consolation of having lived not entirely in vain, and you will receive your just reward for well-doing.

Intemperance, if persisted in, contributes to all the evils and vices to which frail humanity is subject; to loss of health, loss of property, loss of friends, loss of character, loss of mind, loss of self-respect, and loss of everything which is calculated to make a citizen respectable, useful and happy. It blunts sensibility, diseases the body, disorders the mind, dethrones reason, causes distress, suffering, poverty and crime to be felt and deplored in homes where peace, prosperity and happiness ought to dwell. It is shown by impaired health, unhappy families, and uneducated children. It disturbs peace, creates discord, and causes distress and suffering. It injures manhood, disorders society, increases crime and leads to woe and death.

If the whole amount of money which is spent annually for spirituous liquors was paid for support of free schools in each county, every child and youth of sound mind in the State might receive a good education and become prepared for the duties of life. I believe there is more money spent for spirituous liquors than for education in the State, and probably more than the entire State taxes. The report of the commissioner of internal revenue, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, shows that there was paid to the government of the United States for said year for spirituous liquors $52,081,991.12, and of course the consumers paid that large amount in addition to the cost of production, and the taxes and profits of the retailers. There is also a large amount of spirituous liquors manufactured and sold without paying any internal revenue tax to the government, so that the people of the United States pay more than $100,000,000 annually for spirituous liquors. If so large an amount of money could be applied to educational purposes it would be amply sufficient to support the best class of free schools all the year in each and every city, town, village and township in the United States.

These facts are worthy of the thoughtful consideration of the statesman, the patriot, and the political economist.

The origin of the temperance movement dates from about the beginning of the present century; and the merit of having taken the first steps in the matter belongs to America, where the vice of drunkenness appears to have reached an alarming height about that time.

In 1826 the American Temperance Society "to restrain and prevent the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors" was formed. In 1829 the New York State Temperance Society was formed, and before the close of the year 1,000 local societies, with 100,000 members, were in existence.

Rumors of the progress of temperance societies soon reached the old world, and in August, 1829, a society was started in Ireland, the members

of which pledged themselves "to abstain from the use of distilled spirits, except as medicine in the case of bodily ailment;" and not to allow the use of them in their families, nor provide them for the entertainment of friends.

About the year 1830 divers temperance societies were organized in the United States and in Ireland, England and Scotland, and ministers of various denominations were connected with the cause. Those societies published several hundred thousand tracts and pamphlets, which were extensively distributed.

The pledge taken by the members of those societies was simple, and about as follows: "We agree to abstain from distilled spirits, except for medicinal purposes, and to discountenance the causes and practice of intemperance."

Numerous local societies have been formed in the United States and in Europe. There is scarcely a town or village in the country but has its fraternity of abstainers. Lecturers are constantly at work; tracts and pamphlets are being published for the information of the people, and the prospects are hopeful and encouraging.

You, ladies, should be aware of the influence you exert in the world. Your smiles and tears are arguments unanswerable and invincible. In the classic groves and vales, where your steps have never strayed, it is often felt, and causes the midnight lamp to shed a cheerful ray when all around is drear and dark, and nought save the untiring aspirant for your favor guards the citadel which your fetters have bound. All the world acknowledges your sway. Xerxes, Hannibal, Cæsar, Nero, Anthony and Bonaparte, were controlled by the fairy spell which the windows of your soul convey to the heart, and your charms hold absolute, even despotic, control. It was for a saintly smile that the enamored Leander braved the fatal waves of the Hellespont. What incentive so powerful to court distinction? For what do we wear the chaplet of fame but to court your approval—to shine as an emerald in the crown? For this wars have been waged, kingdoms depopulated, thrones and sanctuaries corrupted, and mighty reason has fallen a weak and hapless child of circumstances, the mere plaything of time and chance, at your feet. Your daring deeds of valor, your devotion to the cause ef liberty, and your unexampled constancy, have nobly won for you the eternal gratitude of the American people. Your enrapturing voice has oft reclaimed the prodigal, who was abandoned to despair and lost to every other argument. Here your influence for good is felt and acknowledged. Here you realize the elevation and dignity of the high and commanding position you occupy. The most patriotic efforts of man have ever been encouraged and sustained by woman's sympathy and woman's aid. It was woman who aided in the discovery of our continent. When even her husband turned a deaf ear to appeals for help, Isabella pledged her jewels to defray the expense of a voyage which enabled Columbus "to give a new world to the kingdoms of Castile and Arragon," and to us the most magnificent country in the world.

To illustrate the universal esteem and admiration in which females are ever held by all honorable men, I merely allude to the high respect shown for a beautiful lady by the Legislature of North Carolina more than one hundred years ago. The general assembly of 1770 created a new county in the centre of the State, and adorned it with the name of Wake in compliment to the beautiful Miss Esther Wake, the sister of Governor Tryon's wife. At a later period of our history, when the royal government had been annihilated, the assembly carefully and justly substituted the names of distinguished Americans, for those of Tryon, Dobbs and others, which had designated several of the counties of the State. While the motion to change the name of Tryon county was under consideration, a proposition was made by some overzealous patriot to change the name of Wake. The title of Tryon was expunged, but the ungallant proposition to obliterate the recollection of a beautiful woman was rejected by acclamation. The city of Raleigh, the capital of the State, as if to crown the majesty of beauty, was, at a still later period, located in the county of Wake, an appropriate name for a city, built on a territory consecrated to the genius of beauty and virtue.

The ladies are ever first and foremost in doing good, and with the homage of my sincere respect and esteem, I would say:

"Ye are stars of the night, ye are gems of the morn,
Ye are dew-drops whose lustre illumines the thorn;
And rayless that night is, that morning unblest,
When no beam in your eye lights up peace in the breast;
And the sharp thorn of sorrow sinks in the heart,
Till the sweet lip of woman assuages the smart;
'Tis her's o'er the couch of misfortune to bend,
In fondness a lover, in firmness a friend;
And adorn'd by the bays or enwreathed with the willow,
Her smile is our mead, and her bosom our pillow."

In this centennial year of our national existence it is fit and appropriate to allude to our progress, prosperity and greatness as a nation. Our dominion extends from Canada to Mexico, from the Atlantic across the Rocky Mountains and away over to the Pacific ocean, which looks out upon China and Japan.

Our American flag is now known and honored throughout the world. The laurel wreath encircles us from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same. Angels of light behold our unparallelled prosperity, and while you gaze intensely on the admiring scene, waft the sincere aspirations of devoted hearts to Him in whose hands the destinies of men, angels and worlds are deposited, that He may long continue our peace, happiness and prosperity as a people and a nation, and preserve inviolate the sanctity of our proud temple of freedom, founded by the patriots of the revolution, supported by their toils and consecrated by their prayers. The oppressive eign of tyranny is banished from our country, and the towering eagle,

perched on the summit of the tree of liberty, with the talisman's glittering glory encircled in his talons, proclaiming to all the world freedom and protection to all American citizens.

In behalf of the City and State, I again extend to you a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome to the capital of North Carolina.

ADDRESS OF REV. W. C. NORMAN.

At the conclusion of Gov. Brogden's address, Bro. Broughton introduced Rev. W. C. Norman, of Hickman Lodge, No. 1, who welcomed the body in behalf of the Good Templars of Raleigh, as follows:

Members and Visitors of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
Independent Order Good Templars:

I count myself happy to be permitted to welcome you in the name of the Good Templars of Raleigh.

Nearly four years ago the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of North Carolina was held in this very hall.

There were then only 11 Subordinate Lodges in the State.

It is matter of congratulation to our noble order to note its continued progress from that time until the present.

At the end of the first year there were 62 Lodges in the State—at the end of the second, 150—at the end of the third 230, and now there are 295. There are 62 Grand Lodges in the world—one in every State in the Union.

Greater progress has been made in North Carolina by our order in the same length of time numerically and financially than in any other State in the Union. Your body is ahead of every other Grand Lodge in the United States except the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and that has been in existence 16 years and keeps four lecturers constantly in the field. The Good Templars now number about 10,000 in this State, in the United States 230,000, and embracing British America over 300,000.

In welcoming you on this occasion I bring to your minds these facts and figures, that we may gather strength and take courage from the success of the past.

There are two prominent features of our order which give it great vantage ground for successful operation. One is the life-long nature of the pledge. The very objection that has often been urged against it is the chief excellence of its character—the hiding of its strength is in the commitment of its mem-

bers for life. Strike out that feature and you remove the keystone of the grand superstructure. The other feature is in the influence of woman brought to bear in its workings. It is one of the few organizations in which woman has equal rights—and where else has woman a better right to claim her privileges to work than in the great temperance movement.

In this she has shown herself worthy of the work, and has given an impetus to the cause that never could have been given without her presence and influence.

It gives me great pleasure to look over this audience and see the representatives from the different parts of our old Commonwealth.

This is an important assemblage. These are days of reform– the cry comes up from all the nation—REFORM! REFORM!! May the cry still come up until the millennial-day shall dawn. But I declare to you, Good Templars of North Carolina, next to the Church of God you are engaged in one of the grandest works of reform that ever enlisted the hearts and energies of noble men and women.

Here you are, sons and daughters of our beloved State, come up to this our annual festival—come to recount the struggles and victories of another year, and to get a new commission and a new consecration for the future.

Let your motto be—

"Rally round the banner,
Wake the echo with your song,
Shake the hills with your hosannas,
Swell the echo loud and long."

Onward, yes that's the word, onward! The cause is speeding, a brighter day is already dawning. Some say the world is growing worse. I do not believe it. It is growing better every year. The Church of the living God is planting its victorious banners all over every continent and in every isle of the sea. Many vices of a hundred years ago are not countenanced to-day.

Drunkenness is getting to be an unpopular thing, and the sentiment of the people is gradually moulding into sympathy with the efforts to banish it from the land.

Some of you have been successful during the past year—some have had discouragements—but in bidding you welcome I bid you take courage.

We stand to-day upon the vantage ground already attained and look away into the future, and we see the city of Raleigh without a single bar room or authorized vender of ardent spirits; and we see the other cities and the towns and villages and townships all over the State voting down the liquid-poison, until North Carolina is a temperance State. And then we look further and see the sister States, and further still the Canadas and Europe uniting their protest against the deadly evil and hurling it out until the whole world is girded and clothed with the spirit of temperance. It is coming, I verily believe it. Already the rays of light are shooting up above the horizon, and the darkness is beginning to subside, and we hail with joy this precursor of the millennial dawn.

I greet you to-day and bid you God speed—

"Welcome, brothers, welcome here,
Cheerful are our hearts to-day,
Tell us, we would gladly hear,
How our cause speeds on its way."

Ye sons and daughters of noble spirit and glorious purpose, welcome, welcome, thrice welcome, to our homes and hearts.

ADDRESS OF REV. W. C. BOWMAN.

Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Brothers and Sisters of Raleigh:

On behalf of the delegates of this Grand Lodge, I have the distinguished honor and the pleasing task of responding to the eloquent and generous words with which we have just been welcomed to the hospitalities of your city. And I could fain wish myself possessed of suitable powers to respond in words and sentiments in some measure worthy of our brother's admirable address of welcome. But contenting myself to fall short of this, I shall nevertheless claim your indulgence for a short time while I give expression to a few responsive thoughts and sentiments which it is hoped may not be wholly inappropriate to the occasion.

I can say, at all events, that, in Heaven's kind providence, we are here, we have been welcomed, and we feel at home. We are here from every point of the compass—from every latitude and every longitude of our noble old State, from the Alleghanies to the Atlantic. Some of us from the low Eastern verge where old ocean splashes his eternal surf-song upon the beach, and spreads far away into the dim, vast infinite. Some from high western verge, where the old North State is fenced up to heaven with granite walls, where the verdure of the mountain crest mingles with the cool, blue sky, or like

"Old Olympus, stands and shrouds
Its hundred heads in heaven to prop the clouds,"

where the breath of the morning never loses its freshness, and the weird, wild winds whisper all day long; and where dame Nature, in the mysterious alchemy of her handiwork, carries on her grand system of distilleries, from which ten thousand bubbling, crystal fountains and trickling streamlets of God's own beverage—

"Sparkling and bright in its liquid light,"

sing also their perpetual chorus of gladness and of blessing. And this we in the mountains understand by the "music of the waters"—your surf-song for its echo.

But here we are, at the close of another year's campaign. Some of us, doubtless, fresh from the field of strife—our swords still "warm with recent fight." We are met in council, and it is a council of war—glorious war; war against the strongest, direst foe of human kind. And I am glad to feel as-

sured that none of us have come into this council of war to advise capitulation or surrender. No, thank Heaven, the fortunes of our past career furnish no occasion for indulging a spirit of surrender, or even of discouragement. On the contrary, we are here still bearing aloft our standard with strong and steady arm, with the records of past victories and the presages of future triumphs emblazoned on our banners, marching onward, onward! right on towards the foe—

> "With a world to bless our progress in the work we have to do."
> Shouting the battle cry of Temperance!"

We have met to greet each other's smile, to shake each other's hand, to rehearse the story of the past campaign with the good of soldiers engaged in a common cause.

We are to inspect our arms, replenish our munitions of war, redistribute our forces, bid each other God speed, and go forth again to the conflict as "giants refreshed with new wine."

Let us do so, and thus honor God and advance the interests of our glorious cause.

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